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No decision yet

Grayling Township Board to hear more testimony in civil rights hearing, members to vote on Joyce's seat

By Terry Wright

Garland "Bud" Joyce contends his civil rights were violated by Grayling Township Supervisor Arnold Stancil.

That contention will be answered when the Grayling Township Board hears testimony given at proceedings of a special hearing held at the Township Hall on Wednesday, December 15.

The controversy arose when Stancil sent a letter to Joyce in June requesting Joyce's resignation from the Township's Compensation Commission.

According to Stancil, a Compensation Commission's report to the Township Board was altered by Joyce after the commission members, including Joyce, had signed it.

Stancil testified he was told by other Compensation Commission members the report that was delivered to him by commission member Robert Paulsen was different than the report the committee had approved several days earlier. The alteration included the insertion of Joyce's personal research findings on the salaries of the township's elected officials which were specifically removed by consensus of the Compensation Commission before the document was signed.

Stancil wrote to Joyce in June requesting his resignation from the commission. "I believed he (Joyce) was in violation of the statute that says

no individual will take action without the support of the entire commission."

When Stancil received no reply from Joyce he wrote again stating, "If I have not received your resignation by June 30, 1993, you will be automatically removed from this position by me."

That's when Joyce apparently consulted with Carey on his right of due process. It is apparently Joyce's contention that he cannot be removed from the commission by Stancil without just cause as determined by the approval of the full Grayling Township Board. That fact was reiterated by the hearing mediator prior to the beginning of testimony.

Testimony was taken in a public hearing mirroring the judicial trial and jury format. Representing Stancil was Grayling Township Attorney Doug Dossen. Attorney William Carey represented Joyce. Another attorney, Jim Young, was called in to act as the mediator of the proceedings and the Grayling Township Board served as the final decision making "jury."

Young explained to the participants that the hearing was in no way an actual trial, but that both the petitioner (Joyce), and the respondent (Stancil), and their respective attorneys had agreed to the format in order to present testimony which would enable the Township Board to make an informed decision.

The hearing took place before an audience of about 30 township residents.

Prior to hearing testimony, Carey objected that the Township Board is not an impartial body. Carey said the fact that Stancil himself is a member of the Board, as are the township's two other elected officials, makes an impartial decision impossible based on testimony from members of the commission who set their salaries.

"This situation is analogous to a jury member serving as a witness," Carey said. "I object to it."

Dossen countered by saying, "There is no statute giving the authority to make this decision to any body other than the Township Board. Mr. Stancil is a member of the board and should vote, but he has determined that he will only vote in the case of a tie."

Under Carey's lengthy questioning, Stancil said, "I did not physically see Mr. Joyce reinsert those pages into the report."

Compensation Commission member Susan Bochner was the only person other than Stancil to testify. She said the original report contained individual research data from both Joyce and herself. She said she requested both be removed from the report at the commission's April 9 meeting. "My research was never intended to be part of the report," Bochner said. "It was just for my benefit in determining my recommendations. Since I could not



SUPERVISOR STANCIL PREPARES FOR HEARING--Grayling Township Supervisor Arnold Stancil (L), and township board members Pat Nunn and John Medler (R), prior to Stancil's testimony in a special hearing to decide whether he violated Bud Joyce's civil rights.

verify Mr. Joyce's findings I didn't think it should be part of the report either. I didn't want my signature on something that I didn't know was factual."

The commission agreed and the section of the report containing that material was physically removed at that meeting before signatures were attached, she added.

Bochner testified she was the first one to discover that the report she had signed, and was submitted to the township, had been altered after it had been finalized by the commission.

According to Bochner, Joyce's pages ended up back in the report.

Upon discovery of that fact, Bochner testified she notified commission member Michael Hees who again removed Joyce's pages from the report and resubmitted it to the township. She said Hees had told her he would notify other commission members of his actions.

Stancil and Bochner were the only witnesses to testify. During their lengthy testimony other witnesses, Dennis Palmer and Paulsen, both

members of the Township's Compensation Commission, were sequestered in another part of the building. Palmer was not at the commission meeting when Joyce's and Bochner's pages were removed, nor was he a signatory to the report.

When the proceedings adjourned shortly before midnight, attorney Young cautioned Palmer and Paulsen not to discuss the matter or even read news reports of the proceedings prior to the time when the hearing can reconvene.

County responds to landfill request

By Terry Wright

Responding to a request from City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters (CESW), to transfer ownership of its landfill back to Crawford County, the County Board of Commissioners replied, "The Board declines recision of the sale of the landfill."

The reply to CESW was in a letter from Board Chairman Dennis Long to CESW attorney Michael Nelson.

The letter continued, "The Board requests a sixty-day period to formulate a committee and meet with representatives of CESW to negotiate terms which will be in the best interest of both the county and CESW prior to any further action by CESW."

When contacted, Nelson would only say, "We've received the letter."

At its December 10 meeting, the Board assigned Commissioner Robert Smock with establishing a four-person committee to meet and negotiate with CESW on the landfill issue. Smock also has the charge of retaining legal consultation to work with the committee.

"This will be an interesting challenge," Smock said. "As to what will be accomplished certainly remains to be seen. On the positive side, since no one has negotiated anything since the sale, the possibilities for a mutually acceptable agreement certainly exist."

"I believe the citizens of Crawford County will have their best interests represented," Smock added. "This will be an informed and unbiased negotiating team, completely removed from the political process."

"It is our intention to retain legal counsel with a specialty in environmental issues related to landfills," he said.

The request from CESW to give the landfill back to the county stems from the failure of county commissioners to pass or reject a CESW proposal that would allow it to compete for solid wastes in 16 additional northern Michigan counties.

CESW also has asked for the return of the \$3.8 million it paid for the landfill and another \$4 million in expenses and remediation costs.



In the spirit of Christmas

V.F.W. POST AND AUXILIARY FOOD DRIVE—On December 11, Grayling V.F.W. Post 3736 and Auxiliary held a food drive at Glen's Market in Grayling. Through the generosity of the citizens of Grayling and surrounding communities, they were able to present to the Crawford County Christian Help Center food pantry \$594.25 in cash and over \$189 in food commodities. Pictured above are (left to right) Bill Johns, Marie Scott, Gerry Schroeder, receiving money raised from food drive, and Bernardine Denton. Shown below are Bernardine Denton, Robert Scott and Bill Johns unloading food at the pantry.



Callewaert threatens county with lawsuit

By Terry Wright

Former Crawford County Commissioner Joe Callewaert told the *Avalanche* he is planning to sue Crawford County for conducting an illegal closed meeting.

Callewaert said he has scheduled an appointment with attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union and based on their recommendation will pursue legal action against what he called, "A symptom of bad government as well as a violation of my personal rights."

Crawford County Board of Commissioners Chairman Dennis Long declined to comment on Callewaert's allegations.

Callewaert's complaint stems from a special meeting held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Friday, December 10, in which the commissioners voted to go into closed session to discuss a letter they had received from City Environmental Services Inc. of Waters (CESW).

During that meeting Callewaert twice was denied access to the meeting room. He immediately lodged complaints with Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely and Michigan State Police Detective Goeman in Traverse City.

Sheriff David Lovely confirmed that he had received a complaint from Callewaert. "I processed the paperwork and will turn it over to the Prosecuting Attorney. He will forward it to the Attorney General," Lovely said.

Callewaert said the commissioners can't go into executive session everytime they get threatened with a lawsuit. He said there are specific rules governing closed meetings and cited Michigan Public Act 267 of 1976.

Callewaert said, "Public officials must be reminded that they must conduct business in public for the public good. I've been a thorn in their side, but I only do it to make them conduct business in a legally proper manner."

"The best interests of the community are not served if we don't honorably

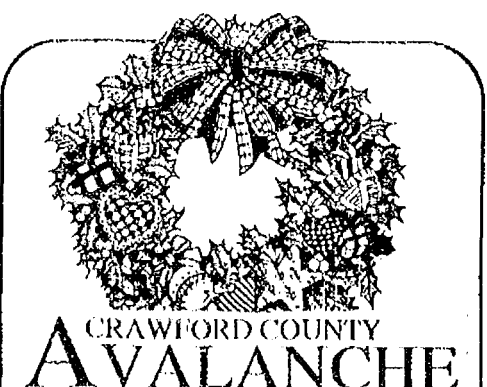
permit a free exchange of ideas and viewpoints. I thought I had escaped anarchy when I left Detroit," he added. "I was wrong."

Callewaert said his goal is to get the commission to follow the law.

Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss, who was present at the closed meeting, declined to comment on the situation.

The Michigan state statute regarding open meetings reads, "A public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes:..... To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body."

The letter from CESW that caused county commissioners to go into a closed meeting explained its view that Crawford County is in breach of contract in its sale of the former Crawford-Otsego Landfill.



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GOP looks to win majority in 1994

By Bart Orban

Capital News Service

House Republicans will try to use their majority that begins in January to pass key school reform legislation impeded by a split House, according to Co-Speakers Rep. Paul Hillegonds, R-Holland.

Issues of cost containment involving teachers, such as pension reform and health care, will not be completed this year, according to Hillegonds.

They will be addressed early next year, when Republicans enjoy a 55-53 advantage due to vacancies created by Reps. David Hollister and Charlie Harrison, two Democrats who were elected to mayoral offices this fall.

"Those are very big issues in terms of how do you control costs in education," Hillegonds said. "Because of the strength of the Michigan Education Association with the Democratic caucus, at 55-55 we just don't have a chance of getting that done."

"We are going to try to get that done with a 55-53 edge next year."

The tough talk seems to mark the end of the generally congenial and cooperative shared-power arrangement the House has been operating under.

"Evidently once January 1 comes they're going to take the gloves off

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

By Joe Murphy

Yesterday, the 10th of December, I had the pleasure of going to Grayling Elementary School and talking to Mrs. Smock's second grade class. I think that at least some of the children liked some of the things I had to say. They had some good questions for me so I have to feel at least a few were paying attention. I love to talk to children and I think we all had a nice visit. I have to feel that children at that age are still unsure of the path to follow and the right words at the right time could have a big influence on them. Perhaps I am wrong, but if there is even a chance that our talk could help one child to withstand the onslaught of negative influences they will have to cope with soon, I figure it is time well spent.

A dear lady, Ingeborg Raac, gave me a lot of clippings she has saved from the Avalanche about Crawford County history. I have not had time yet to study them, but I know the articles about Deward and Pere Cheney, along with many others, will provide the material for future columns. Thank you Mrs. Raac for your generous gift. I hope after the holiday season to use them on some columns regarding the history of Crawford County.

Maybe it was foolish but, on the slim chance he might help the Christmas Basket program here, I wrote an appeal to Percy Ross who has the Thanks a Million column in the Avalanche. I hope he answers my appeal with a generous donation to the program so Santa can be extra kind to the children of our area. Maybe I will never hear a word from him, but at least I felt I should try.

Christmas will soon be here and I hope that everyone will have a great memory of Christmas '93 to store in their memory bank. I hope every child's Christmas wish will be



fulfilled and they will enjoy a day that will bring pleasant memories many years in the future. May the new year bring hope and peace to our troubled world. Our politicians will be telling us they have solved the crime problems by passing the Brady Bill, which will bother no one except law abiding citizens. The criminals will always be able to obtain all the guns they want on the street. Michigan has had a handgun registration law since 1927, and I doubt if one crime in a hundred is committed with a gun registered to the one committing the crime. To legally buy a handgun I must go to Chief Stephan and request a permit to purchase. If it is granted I can buy a handgun, but must then present it for a safety inspection. If I answer the ten questions, as required by law, correctly and the handgun passes the safety check, I am then issued a safety inspection certificate which means I legally own it. Don't even think about a permit to carry it legally unless you are very well connected and can bring some pressure to bear on the right people. Funny, when I was a young man, I applied for a license to carry, and was issued a general permit, which allowed me to carry one at anytime and anywhere. After about ten or twelve years of general permits in which it caused no one any problem, they cut it back to a restricted permit which is not worth the paper it's written on so I dropped it.

Avalanche closed Christmas Eve

The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed all day Friday, December 24, for Christmas Eve, and reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, December 27. The deadline for full page, half page, or color display ads, for the December 30 issue, must be turned in by Wednesday, 5 p.m., December 22.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is noon Thursday, December 23. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be

turned in by Thursday noon, December 23, to be considered for the next issue. Football contest entries will be collected through the door slot until 5 p.m. Friday, December 24.

Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon, December 27. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published.

Reward offered to find vandals

Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert announced recently the township is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for recent vandalism at the Frederic Township Cemetery.

According to Hulbert, damage included the destruction of grave ornaments and statues in the infant burial area.

Anyone having information about the vandalism should call the Crawford County Sheriff Department at 348-4616 or the Frederic Township offices at 348-8778.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten but please double space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address or phone number should be included. Letters will not be pub-

lished without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

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Dr. Wm. Dean Optometrist

Merry Christmas

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Jansen's Sales & Service

GSB announces three promotions

Grayling State Bank (GSB) recently announced three promotions.

R. Gregg Gundersman has been promoted to assistant vice president and installment loan manager. Rhonda A. Haas has been promoted to assistant vice president and credit manager; and Crystal Ann Filley has been named executive secretary, supervisor of customer service representatives.

Gundersman joined GSB in April as the installment loan officer. He is responsible for the installment loan department, loan collectors and bank facilities.

Gundersman is a graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and the National Installment Credit School at the University of Oklahoma.

Haas, assistant cashier and credit manager, was promoted to assistant vice president and credit manager. She has been employed at GSB for 14 years, holding positions as supervisor of customer accounting, operations officer and financial assistant.

In 1992, Haas was named credit manager overseeing loan operations. Haas earned a Foundation of Banking



R. Gregg Gundersman



Rhonda A. Haas



Crystal Ann Filley

diploma from the American Institute of Banking and has completed several other college classes.

Filley has been employed at GSB for 17 years. Beginning as a teller in 1977, she has held various positions as receptionist, customer service representative and executive secretary/customer service representative.

also holds a one-year certificate in business management from Kirtland Community College.

Filley has earned American Institute of Banking diplomas in both consumer credit and foundations of banking. She

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G.O.P. seeks majority

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and say the hell with it, we're going for this stuff," said Bill Ballenger, editor of *Inside Michigan Politics*.

"I would say they've got a good chance but it remains to be seen."

Hillemonds conceded that "you rarely find 55 Republicans who can agree on any one issue."

Special elections are anticipated for the spring to fill the vacancies in Lansing and Pontiac. Democrats are expected to win both and return the House to an even split, even though it's anticipated Republicans will make a strong effort and historically fare better in special elections.

Another concern for House Democrats is the fate of Rep. Steve Shepich, D-Iron River. Scheduled for trial January 20 for charges stemming from the House Fiscal Agency scandal and his part in it when he was an employee of the agency, Shepich is not expected to retain his seat until November, according to Ballenger.

Although historically Shepich is a Democratic district, the seat was won by a Republican in 1990 for only the second time since World War II.

The seat held by Rep. Dominic Jacobetti, D-Negaunee, is also questionable. Jacobetti is under continued investigation by state and federal authorities for his role in the House Fiscal scandal. Findings from the federal investigators are expected around March.

If either Shepich or Jacobetti has to resign in late spring or early summer, Engler may not call for special elections to fill their seats, leaving Republicans with another two-vote majority until November, assuming elections for Hollister's and Harrison's seats have been held and Democrats win.

"That aspect of it is not good for the Democratic party," Ballenger said.

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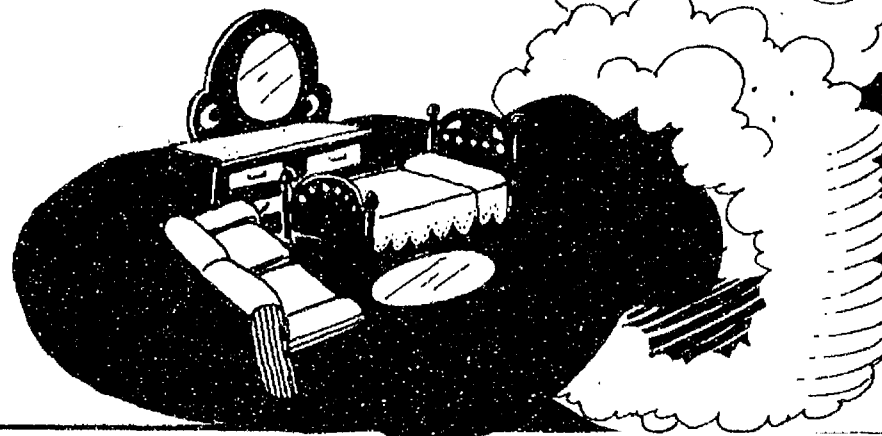


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With Christmastime once again upon us, we pause to remember the simple joys of days gone by. Though times have changed, the true spirit of the holiday remains forever constant. May the enduring happiness and brotherhood that marks this wondrous season be yours always.



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ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

How long can Christmas endure?

(Editor's note: The following column on the meaning of Christmas has appeared before in the Almanack, and is repeated here because the writer believes the same sentiments apply this year, too.)

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS coming to be these days?

There is growing concern, and rightly so, that now, at this time of year when we should be hugging each other, and extending to everyone heartfelt wishes for good things, instead we are arguing and fighting with each other over Christmas.

Christmas is being overly materialized and secularized. That's just not the way Christmas should be.

Sales promotions start earlier and earlier. It used to be that Thanksgiving heralded the start of the Christmas shopping season. Not now. It seems that lately Christmas sales start nearer Labor Day.

CHALLENGES ABOUND TO Christmas as it one was.

The Bethlehem stable scene is under continuous attack. Judges rule whether public bodies can continue along standing tradition of depicting, on public property, the birth of Christ in the stable.

Christmas plays in schools are under attack, as are other Christmas related school activities. School officials are banning or censoring or monitoring the dramatized events and spirit of Christmas and its wonder.

Even Santa Claus — who has become about as non-sectarian a figure as possible, since he is the center of much of the commercialization of the season — is the focus of controversy about whether he can or cannot visit school children, and under what narrowly prescribed circumstances, such visits may be permitted.

It's enough to make a traditionalist cry... or, if you think about it just a

bit... it might make a traditionalist shiver about the logical extension of these attacks on Christmas.

What will be next? Will Charles Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim be trashed because it depicts after-death existence? Will greeting cards be denied delivery by the public mails if they contain a religious image or message? Will Christmas carols which sing of the Baby Jesus or the heavenly choir of angels, or the miracle birth of Christ, be banned from broadcast over publicly licensed radio or television stations?

Farfetched and unlikely? Perhaps. But not too long ago, so was the thought of banning Santa Claus from programs at schools.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS anyway? Pure and simple, it is a religious holiday, or holy day, marking the birth of the Christ Child. It is one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

All attempts to try to call Christmas something it is not are so much self-deception.

The fact is that the secular world has appropriated a Christian observance and turned it into a public holiday as well.

Logic dictates that if you object to the observance of Christmas as a religious observance, you should object to Christmas as a public holiday too.

If you are to secularize Christmas by stripping from it all religious reference then you should secularize it all the way, and force it to become a strictly religious Christian feast day by taking from it all public acceptance as a holiday.

Keep the work place going on Christmas. Keep the banks open. Keep the schools in session and the mails being delivered. Make Christmas just another day which Christians can observe if they choose; but don't permit

Christians to spread their beliefs to others through even the slightest bit of public recognition.

Does the fact of Christmas as a public holiday inflict the Christian belief on others? Only if they choose to accept it.

LET'S NOT DESTROY the spirit of Christmas and its observance through a misguided dedication to equity.

That's not what our forefathers intended when they framed our Constitution, under which most of the attacks upon Christmas are launched. America's founders wanted to guard against a state-ordered religion, where conformity was demanded and individuality was condemned.

That's not the danger our nation faces.

No, any danger to America comes from crass materialism joining hands with the single mindedness of the zealots, in an attempt to strip Christmas of its true meaning, and replace it with one long, commercialized, generic homage to some misguided version of fairness and reality.

But as long as children's eyes and hearts are filled with awe and wonder... as long as men and women give of themselves to help others in need... as long as the happiness of others is our top priority, even if only seasonally... as long as we can say to each other, "Peace, goodwill to all," and mean what we say....

That's as long as Christmas will endure.

.... or so it seems to me.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



OPINION

Thursday, December 23, 1993

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer responds to letter

My response to Mr. Schrader:

I have just heard from my pastor that you have made another response to my letter to the Avalanche. I tried to give the Bible's answer to his statements. But I see from his response that he refuses to believe the Bible is the Word of God.

When a man refuses to believe the first four words of Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God" then he will not believe the other 783,133 words that comprise the Holy Bible. The statistics that I have given came from the King James Bible, which is the only Bible on today's market that is the pure word of God (Psalms 12:6-7). I know that this statement that I am about to make will make a lot of English speaking Christians upset with me, but I will risk it because I believe with all my heart that it is the truth. The King James Bible is God's word for the English speaking world. Because it is the only Bible that gives the Lord Jesus, the one who purchased eternal life for me and the world, the honor that is due unto Him. Philippians 2:9-11.

In response to Mr. Schrader's assumption, I most emphatically believe that God did create the world in six, 24 hour days, around 4,000 B.C. Mr. Schrader says that "I don't doubt that God could create the world in six days, but he didn't." Mr. Schrader contradicts himself with that statement. So, you see Mr. Schrader refuses to believe Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning God." I believe these first four words.

Secondly, I want to respond to his statement on Genesis 19:1-11, says nowhere in it that the angels allowed these men to even harm the daughters of Lot. Lot was wrong to offer his daughters in exchange, but God protected them. NO, I do not condone violence to anyone of God's creation whether they be male or female. It is wrong and God condemns it.

Thirdly, I do not accept the A.P.A. because they do not believe God or His Word. Read Romans 1:21-22 and you will see why I don't accept them as an authority on anything because of their denial of the Bible as the Word of God. Unless you believe God and His

Word you have no authority by which to live by.

Fourthly, the Evangelical Lutheran Church may accept what you do, but God doesn't and neither does the Bible. I will repeat again what I said earlier in my letter that God and His Word is the final authority, not man. The most important question is, what does the Bible say?

I want to ask this question, Why does everyone who doesn't get their way always yell "this smells like Nazi Germany?" What does he know about what happened when the Nazis gained control of Germany. From what I have read about this subject, he hasn't even begun to suffer the persecution that was suffered by the German people during this time. So, please refrain from yelling "this smells like Nazi Germany" until you've been through what they have gone through.

Also, Rush Limbaugh is not my final authority on anything because he himself is a sinner just like you and I. Enough for now because this letter is long.

Bruce Lantto

Family says 'thanks' for helping

I would like to thank publicly everyone that helped our daughter, Tara Abramson, when her car broke down in Grayling on the evening of November 28.

Tara and two other young people were on their way back to Ferris University in Big Rapids from Ironwood when she began having trouble. She pulled into the Super 8

Motel lot and really didn't know what to do. I don't know who the desk clerk

was that night, but I thank you very much for letting her call us and helping her get someone to look at her car. I thank Cecil Webber for his assistance.

I also want to thank the people at the Grayling Motor Mall for working with

us over the telephone and getting a new motor installed in a timely manner.

We always hear how badly strangers are treated in such vulnerable situations, and how people don't care. It is very nice to know that isn't true everywhere.

Jean and Roger Brunell
Ironwood

Student searches for information

Hi, my name is Jennifer and I am a fifth grade student at Truman Benedict School in San Clemente, California. Our class is writing state reports. I have chosen Michigan because I like the football team. I would also like to learn more about your wonderful state. I am hoping that some of your readers

would be interested in sending me any information they can find on Michigan. This information could be pictures, maps, history, personal letters, post cards, or anything your readers feel would help me do well on my report. I need to know about the history, land regions, economy, business, state and

national parks, or any other points of interest.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer Van Bogat
Mrs. Wildenberg's class
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Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN BY PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Knock the Socks Off Your X-Mas Stockings

Dear Readers: Sometimes it's hard to get in the "Christmas" spirit. I use quotes around the word Christmas because I'm Jewish and don't practice the religious aspect of the holiday, although I do believe in the spirit of it.

Many people suffer from depression at this time of year and suicide rates peak. We're so frantic rushing around buying gifts, trimming our trees and hosting parties, that we forget the meaning behind the season. Or, we're sitting alone and feeling isolated, sulking about what we don't have and how our kids will be deprived because they won't have a Currier and Ives Christmas.

Well, I have a tip for you: Percy's secret formula that's sure to put you in the holiday mood, complete with that warm, fuzzy feeling. Givel! It's that simple. No matter how much or how little you have, give something to another individual.

You can give to a child, an elderly person, a single, married or divorced person, an unemployed or self-employed person, a crabby, happy or unloved person. It doesn't matter who you give to as long as you give in the right way. You must give from the heart. To give out of obligation, or with condition, is not giving in the pure sense of the word.

And, it doesn't need to be an expensive material item. It can be something intangible, like a warm embrace or something practical, like a food donation. It can be inviting the widow on your block in for some holiday cheer or having your children pick one of their gifts to give to a less fortunate girl or boy.

I have a tradition in my office. Every wall calendar reads December 25th. I'm a firm believer

that every day is Christmas and I achieve that feeling through giving. That, my dear friends, is a very simple principle, yet one we must be reminded of year-round. It's not what you get, but what you give that counts.

And now for my 1993 Christmas bedtime story:

"Once upon a time there was a little girl who wrote to Percy Ross. She thought Percy and Santa Claus were one in the same. Unlike other little girls writing Santa, her request was not for a new doll or a bicycle or trendy clothes with designer prices.

Her request was for her mother who worked long hours to pay the bills. The little girl's father had walked out on them the year before. They never heard from him again.

Anyway, this little girl ended her letter by writing that if her mom had just a little extra money, maybe she wouldn't have to work so hard. All she wanted for Christmas was for her mom to spend more time with her.

The modern day Jewish Santa put his best elves to task to verify the little girl's letter. He learned that the mother was working two jobs to pay off the \$1,565 credit card debt with which her deadbeat husband had left her.

Just before Christmas the little girl's mother, Mrs. A. J. of Chicago, IL received a small package in the mail from Mr. Ross.

Imagine if you will, the surprise she experienced when she opened the package to find eighty crisp twenty dollar bills with a note that read, 'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!'

Write Percy Ross, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and name of this publication. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, Michigan, 49601.

Question: Do you have any tips for safe Christmas decorations?

Answer: Each year thousands of American families suffer unnecessary injuries, loss of life, and destruction of property due to accidents involving Christmas decorations. Some of the hazards are caused by the Christmas tree, tree lights and ornaments. These accidents include house fires,

electric shock, or cuts from broken ornaments. The health department would like to offer a few tips to help keep your holiday safe and enjoyable.

Check your Christmas tree for freshness when buying it by tapping it on the ground and checking for falling needles. If many needles fall off, the tree is too dry to purchase. Needles bent between the fingers shouldn't break. When the tree is brought in to decorate, cut off the stem diagonally one or two inches above the original end and submerge in water in Christmas tree stand. Keep tree well watered but keep light connectors away from the water. If needles begin to fall off in great quantities, the tree should be disposed of. Place the tree away from heat sources.

Lights used on the tree should have the UL label and should be checked before using for frayed wires, loose

connections, broken sockets, or bare wires. Light bulbs should not touch the tree directly. Outdoor lights should not be used indoors since they may generate more heat and possibly cause fires. Indoor lights are not designed for exposure to the elements and should not be used outdoors. Make sure your Christmas tree lights are unplugged when retiring for the night or when leaving the house. Watch so that pets don't chew on light strands. Households with young children should have breakable or sharp ornaments placed out of their reach and the tree should be well anchored to prevent it from being pulled over onto a curious toddler.

Questions about holiday safety may be directed to the environmental health division of the health department.

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FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

When a person gets old and senile... they do strange things...

Such as I... after taking a sabbatical for seven years, and (just laying around) those are my bride's comments... I have joined the work force again, not the heavy work...

I am now the Associate Publisher of the Avalanche, if I meet any of the readers of this column on the street, into Mac's, or a grocery store and possibly at some watering hole, please do not ask me what my new title means... I do not know myself...

It could be a vanity title to make me appear important as I sit in the power room for a couple hours a day that I vacated in 1986...

When I left in '86, I was the publisher, editor, general manager, custodian of the building, plus many other choice unprintable names disgruntled readers wished to refer to me as... only one...

After having lunch with the boss (he bought) he offered me a deal I could not turn down I told him I would have to check with my immediate boss... when I told Thelma I had been offered a dollar two-twenty an hour when I showed up she couldn't believe it...

She did not hesitate, take it, you will be over paid, but at least you should make enough to pay for your orange pop, and it won't have to come out of our grocery money, or Tasha's dog food.

Mr. Milliman asked if I would submit my stupid column now and then? It really depends on my financial situation at the time... most columnists and stringers for the paper are paid for their efforts... I have to pay just to get my mug shot in front of my two readers, daughter

in Ohio and son in Nevada...

I did mention to the boss, it could be more frequent if Thelma happened to win a few bucks playing Bingo, and if she loaned me a couple bucks, then I would be able to take the readers away from the Obit page for possibly a few seconds, and give them a reprieve from their deep thoughts, with a bunch of nothing...

An idle thought... when I left the paper in '86... and the power room, all that happened was that Jon Thompson moved from his little alcove into the power room and things got better...

When Jon left, things have been different... it has not been an easy transition... I guess the moral of all this, do not listen to your mother, there is no one indispensable... I learned the hard way, and it really shattered my ego... what is that saying? Never believe what you read, and only half what you see... I guess...

Until Mr. Milliman is comfortable about the way the paper is headed and the readers and advertisers are satisfied with the product, and especially that the personnel at the paper will say, "Yes I help in producing a paper that Grayling can be proud of." Then I will be unemployed again.

Dennis Mansfield is now the Managing Editor, he has quite a responsibility... I know, when I started as he, I never knew there were so many critics that read a small town newspaper... I should not be naive, your local paper is for you to vent your feelings.

As the Associate Publisher, I will be available to assist Dennis, if he has any questions pertaining to his new position... also I will be available to Linda if she has any questions... of



which I do not anticipate from either...

THANKSGIVING DAY...

A day that means so much in so many ways for us mortals to give thanks for our health, our welfare, for living life to the fullest... children, grandchildren to be with you on a special day...

This past Thanksgiving Day I had two things to be thankful for... our Buckeye family was with us, and John's brother, Jim, from Elk Rapids, to share turkey day...

My second thanks for the weekend was that Tonya and Stefany decided they did not want to sleep upstairs on the roll-away...

Guess what... Grandma again had to take her stuff off my couch in the den so the girls could sleep on the hide-a-bed... I now have a barrier free couch... for how long, only the Deity knows...

I do want to mention, before you fall asleep, if you have any old TS slips and you didn't get a chance to send them to me during my tenure... do me a favor, please send them to your Chaplain...

Thelma told me to wish all of you who come across this column, have a Merry Christmas... and especially a Danish Glaedelig Jul...

Council thanks citizens for decorating

This letter is to express the City Councils and my congratulations to the residents and businesses of Grayling for their outstanding effort in Christmas displays this holiday season.

City Council members have expressed their appreciation at the last two meetings for the many individuals who have contributed to the holiday spirit by decorating their homes and businesses. These individual efforts as well as the City's continuing efforts have resulted in an outstanding display this year.

We would also like to congratulate you on being named Editor of the Crawford County Avalanche and look forward to working with you in 1994 and many years to come.

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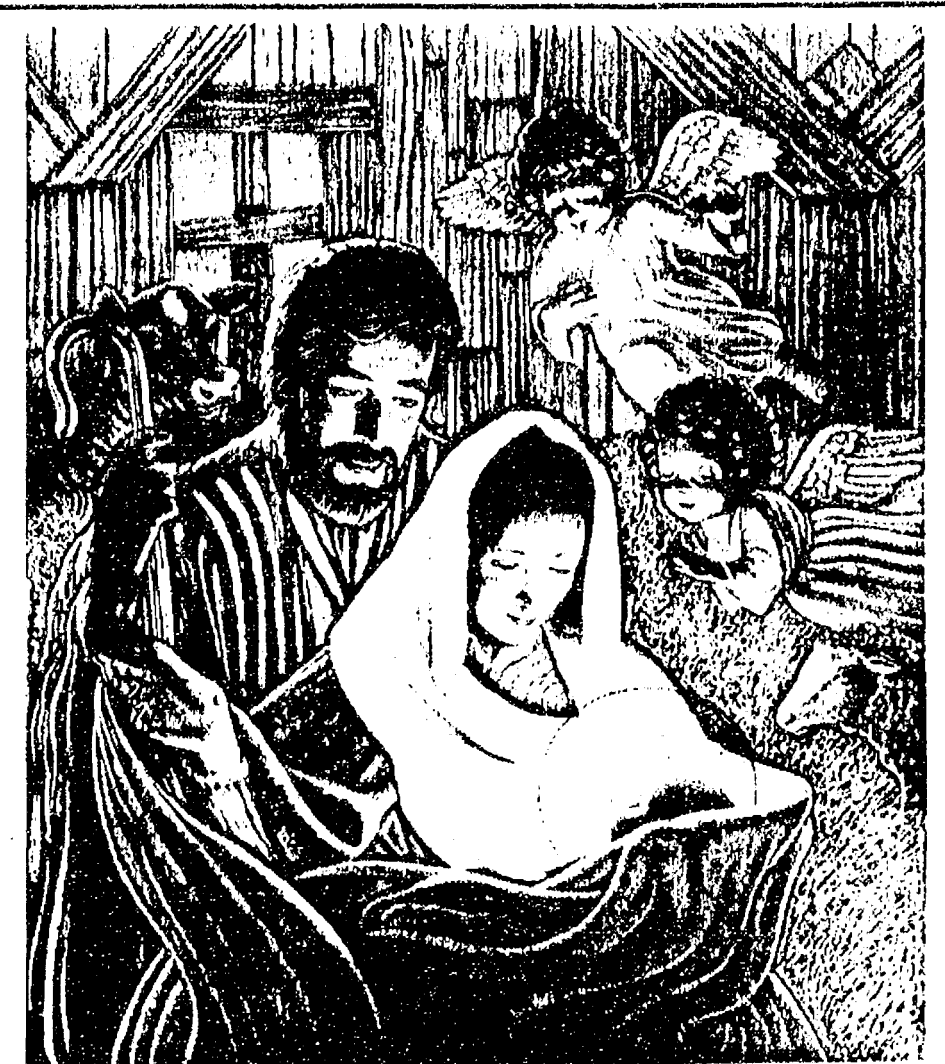
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Let's stop thinking about the past, moving on to a better, brighter future

It is amazing to me how when conservative Christian people speak out the liberals and many others have a fit! Have we become that demoralized? We all know sin is sin and right from wrong, no matter if it is lying, stealing, murder or homosexuality.

Our Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood for all of us, and He is the only way, truth and light. No one shall come onto the Father (God) except by Him.

Through repentance of our sins, turning from our sinful pasts and trying to lead a better (life) acceptance

of Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior and leading our lives for Him. We shall all see the glory of God.

We cannot come to God without forgiveness of our sins, that is why Jesus Christ (the only Son of God) was sacrificed for us.

We as loving people should all realize that all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God, but through the blood that Jesus Christ shed for us we are saved.

It doesn't matter what we did in our pasts because all is forgivable. Jesus'

love is unconditional.

Now is the time for all to believe in our hearts and show in our lives that Jesus Christ is Lord. This is a decision we all have to make because eternity is only a heartbeat away. The life we live on this earth is like a blink of the eye in eternity.

So why dwell on our own pasts or the pasts of others. Jesus shed His blood for us all. The decision is yours.

Angel Prentice
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SAT. 25	• MERRY CHRISTMAS!
SUN. 26	• ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE TODAY.
MON. 27	• KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP @ Meadows of Grayling, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. For more information call 348-2801 and ask for Arlene Musakka.
TUES. 28	• GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT Association breakfast meeting, 8 am @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Copper Kettle Steak House & Lounge. • COA WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION @ 5:30 pm. Call 348-7123 for more information.
WED. 29	• ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ noon, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30. • COA NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE @ 5 pm. Call 348-7123 for reservations.

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Frederic Elementary class presents play to students

Mrs. Duncely's fourth grade class presented the play "The Boy of the Three-Year Nap" as retold by Dianne Snyder to all Frederic Elementary School students and some parents. Two casts and two crew troupes presented the play.

This play was about Taro, who is a lazy-but-crafty lad who dupes a rich

merchant into letting him marry the merchant's daughter. Taro's long-suffering mother then tricks her son into taking a job with the merchant.

This story, retold from a Japanese Folktale and illustrated by Allen Say, received the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award in 1988, and was named a Caldecott Medal Honor Book.

'Meet the Grads' set for Thursday, December 23

On Thursday, December 23, Grayling High School will host the traditional "Meet the Grads Day" in the library. To those unfamiliar with the ceremony, "Meet the Grads" is a unique opportunity for recent alumni of GHS to present their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors. Persons who have enrolled in colleges or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome to partake in the event by sharing their

feelings about the transfer from GHS to other education positions.

This reception will be held in the GHS library from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. All former graduates presently seeking post secondary education are cordially invited to attend. This event is hosted by the AuSable Chapter of the National Honor Society, with the assistance of the counseling department. All persons currently involved in continued education are encouraged to attend the 13th annual presentation of this event.

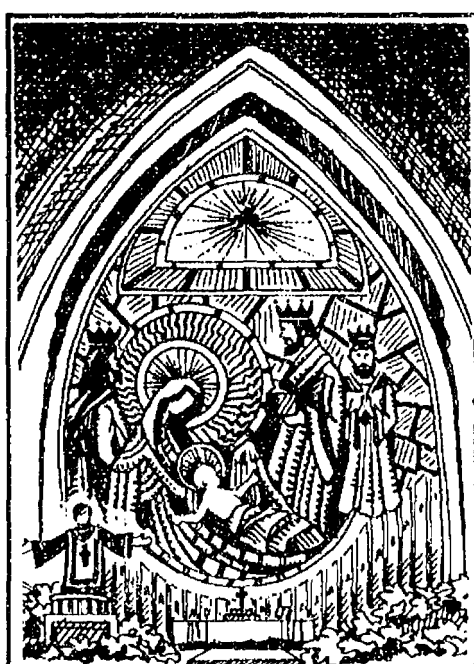
GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Miss Johnson's third grade class recently wrote cinquain poems. Following are some examples of their work.)

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hangs, shiny, reflects
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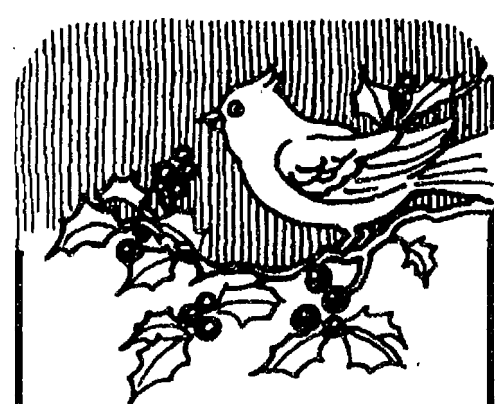
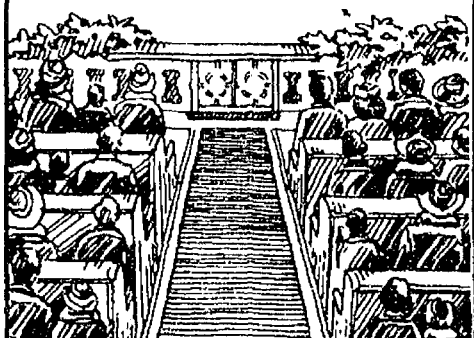
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shake, silver, sizes
sound, Christmas
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Tree
evergreen, Christmas
green, huge, sways
symbol, useful
tree

Candle
bright, burns
flickers, dances, stick
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candle



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TROUPE #1 CAST AND CREW—Front row (left to right) Samantha Davis, Scott Latusek, Tyson Herrick, Sarah Devine, Sancy Greene, Matt Tuck, Nate Haskel, Lisa Hubenschmidt; back row, Patti Peever, Nate Frankina, Robert Cooper, Jennie Hubbard, Jennifer Feutz, Michelle Gildner, Ken Callahan.



TROUPE #2 CAST AND CREW—Front row (left to right) Travis Beaman, Jon Boerger, Bobby Van Nuck, Ashlee Cox, Amanda Paisley, Nathan Salmons, Nick Hurd; back row, Bruce Dratnol, Denae Southworth, Jennifer Lehman, Darcie Lovely, Mike Eagen, Angela Decker, Shane Stephenson.

GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kyle
Mrs. T. Johnson's 3rd grade
Christmas traditions

We open presents on Christmas morning. Also we have a big breakfast. We play with our presents. It is fun. If I get Legos I always put them together. My dad usually helps me. I pile my presents up and open them one by one. Then I play with my gifts. Then we call some of our friends in Charlevoix and wish them a merry Christmas. I talk with some of my friends in Charlevoix like Marshal. He's my good friend. I like presents, but the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus's birthday that's why we go to church on Christmas eve.

It took so long it was bedtime by the time it was up. So we couldn't decorate it. Bummer. Maybe tomorrow.

Lions Lucky 13 winner named

Jim Kitchen won \$100 in the Lions Club Lucky 13 drawing.

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Lillian Joann Yarger
Miss Johnson's 3rd grade
The Dark Forest

Once upon a time there was a dark forest. It was said that anyone who went into the forest would never come out.

A king who was very rich wanted to build his castle in a forest. All the towns people had told him how scary the forest was. He would not believe them. He said "I am the richest king around and I will build my castle wherever I want to."

The castle was almost done. The king was so happy he decided to throw a party. His queen said "Let's make it a Christmas party." They both agreed. They sent out the word. "December 24 a party at the castle."

The king and queen had made all the arrangements. Two days before the party the king went outside and found a green man standing in the yard. The king asked him "What are you doing here, and why are you green?" The little green man started to laugh. Ha-ha-ha. He told the king "You must not have a party here. All who come will never be able to leave the forest." The king asked "Why?" The little green man looked at the king and said "The spell, the spell — just do as you're told." The king tried to catch him but he could not find him. The king wondered what he was going to do. Were any of his guests going to show? The king was for sure the whole town would come for he was the king.

It was Christmas night. The party was to start in one hour. The queen had done a wonderful job. The castle as well as the food looked great. At 8:01 the door rang. The king was pleased to hear that someone had come. He opened the door and let out a yell. Half of the town came. They were all dressed in their Christmas outfits.

The party was going very well. They were having a great time. The door bell rang. The king rushed to the door, opened it and saw a witch standing there. The king thought it was just one of the towns people. He let her in. The other guests were dancing and laughing. The witch walked into the room and said "Wow, what a feast I

will have." Then she said "Queens and kings and dog tails too — lean to your left, lean to your right, lean in the middle you're all green."

Everyone looked at each other and sure enough they were green. The witch said "You will never be able to leave the forest." The king got mad and asked the witch to leave. She started to leave and said "May you all be said in this castle for you will never be able to leave." She then left.

The king tried to open the door but when he opened it all he found was another door. They were trapped. He let out a big yell. The queen asked "What should we do?" Everyone was talking and the king could not think. He went upstairs and thought. He came up with an idea.

He told the towns people his plan. They would open all the doors.

But no one knows if they got out.

The end.

Part 2. (They got out.)



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SIBS FOR KIDS—Edward Coots, Sean and Casey Darling, all of Grayling, enjoy a romp in the pool at the Grayling Holiday Inn as part of a SIBS FOR KIDS Halloween party.

SIBS FOR KIDS seeks volunteers

The Crawford-Roscommon County SIBS FOR KIDS program is again seeking adult volunteers to be friends and role models for youth from single-parent homes.

Tracy Wilson, coordinator of the program, encourages adults to make a commitment to SIBS as part of a New Year's resolution. A resolution of this type is very meaningful to the child and the adults seem to benefit as well.

SIBS FOR KIDS is a volunteer program that attempts to match youth and adults in sibling-like relationships that help balance out the loss of a parent in the home due to death, divorce, or separation.

The program asks for a minimum one year commitment with matches spending time together at least twice a month for a minimum of four hours. Adults in the program are encouraged to make arrangements based on their schedules so that the program is flexible for members.

If you would like to participate in the program, you can request an application by calling the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau at 348-2841 ext. 262. Crawford-Roscommon County SIBS FOR KIDS is supported by each respective county's United Way.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Cabin Fever Book Club, sponsored by McDonald's of Grayling will run January 3 through February 28 and is open to all ages.

After three visits to your Grayling County Library, you will receive a free dessert from McDonald's and after 12 visits you will receive a free Value Meal.

The Toy Box has been a success by finding new homes for the over 70 stuffed animals donated by Mrs. Virginia Luks.

To celebrate the holidays, the Crawford County Library will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

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GHS yearbooks on sale for \$25

The 1994 Grayling High School SAGA yearbook, "Picture This!" is on sale now until Christmas for \$25, the same price as last year, but with an added benefit.

Students who order their yearbooks before December 25 can have their names embossed in red foil on the front cover, which will be white, black and red.

To order a SAGA, bring a check for \$25 to Room 13 at GHS. In the memo section of the check, include exactly how the embossed name should read.

There are still a few 1993 yearbooks waiting to be picked up by members of last year's graduating class.

Finally, there are a very few extra copies of the '93 SAGA, which also can be purchased in Room 13—before or after school hours.

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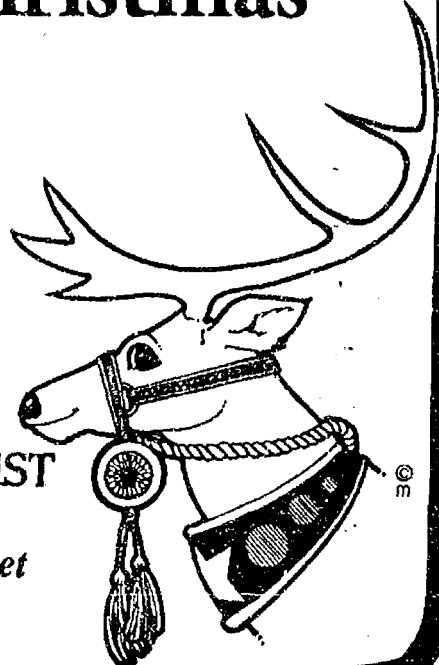
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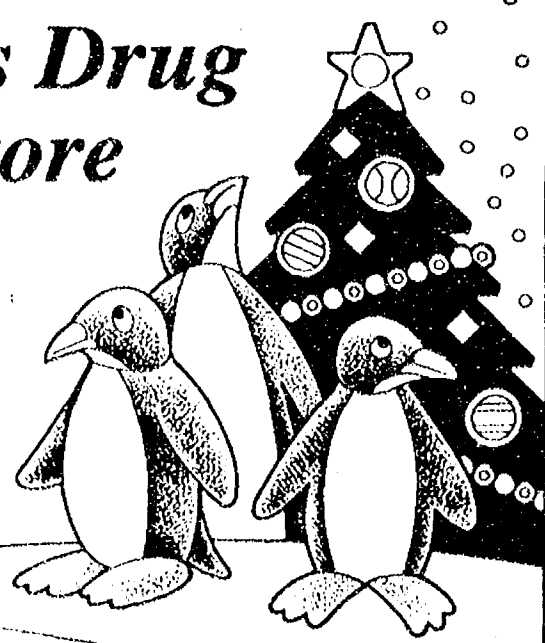
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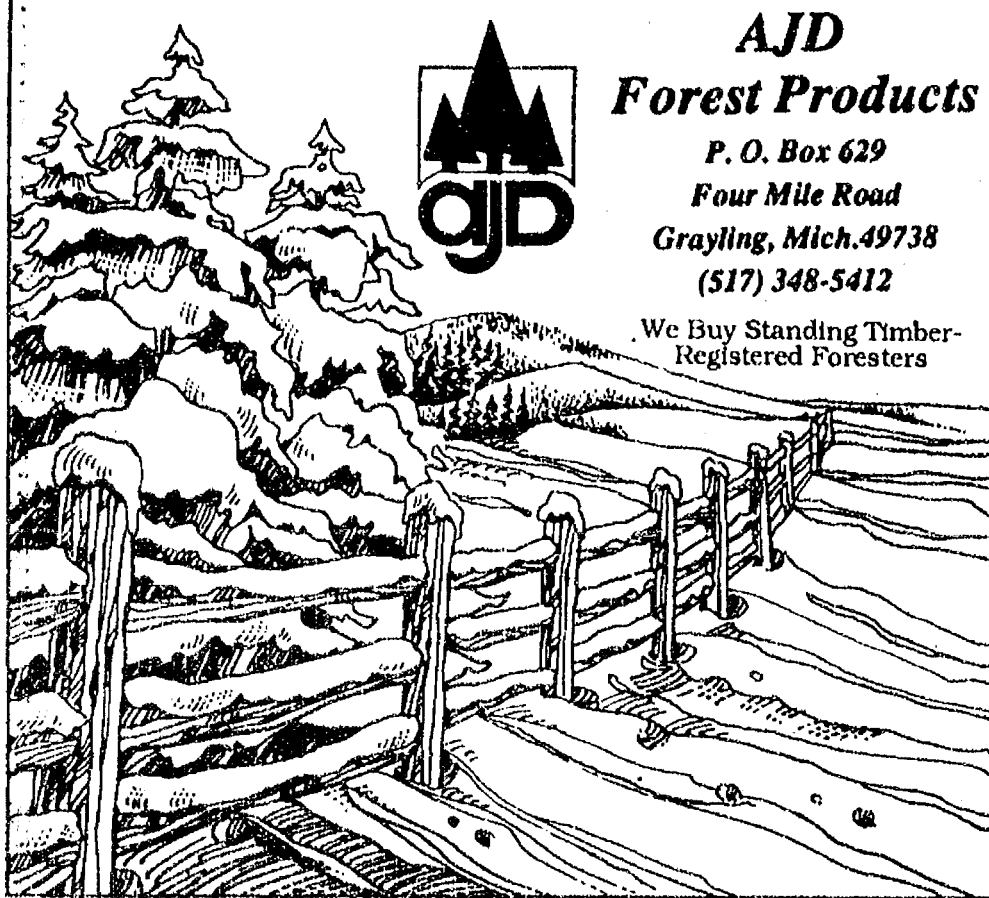


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OBITUARIES

Llwyn "Tony" Doremire

Llwyn "Tony" Doremire, 54, of Grayling, died Friday, December 17, 1993, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, with Reverend Michael Conner officiating. A wake service was held at 7 p.m. and Fire Department final call was held at 8 p.m., Monday, December 20, 1993. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by representatives of the Michigan National Guard from Camp Grayling, and American Legion Post #106, Grayling.

Pallbearers were Harold Golnick, Karl Golnick, James McClain, Llwyn Wilson, Michael Kucharek, and Rudy Martinez.

Mr. Doremire was born September 11, 1939, in Grayling, to Llwyn and Nina (Lovely) Doremire. He lived here his entire life, and graduated from Grayling High School, where he was a member of the 1957 Grayling High School basketball team that played in the state semi-finals. He and his wife,

"Tony" Doremire, Jr., all of Grayling; mother, Nina Doremire of Grayling; sisters, Mickey and husband, James Sorenson, and Becky Doremire, both of Grayling.

The family suggests memorials to the Crawford County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Diana, were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, on January 23, 1960. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator with the Department of Military Affairs for 17 years.

Mr. Doremire served as chapter chairman of the Crawford County Chapter, American Red Cross, served 15 years as the Crawford County Ambulance Director, over 25 years as the American Red Cross CPR and First-Aid instructor-trainer, and was a member of the Crawford County Medical Control Board. He was also a member of the Grayling Country Club Board of Directors, and served over 20 years with the Grayling City and Township Fire Department, four of those years a chief. In 1981, he was the Grayling Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Doremire was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include: wife, Diana L. (Blaine) Doremire of Grayling; daughter, Julie Doremire; sons, Michael and wife, Bonnie Doremire, Thane and wife, Julie Doremire, and Llwyn

Arnold Tibbetts

Arnold J. Tibbetts, 78, born July 10, 1920, in Rosebush, passed away November 8, 1993, at the V. A. Hospital in Allen Park. Cremation took place and burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Tibbetts had retired from the U. S. Air Force and for many years lived in the Detroit area. He had never married. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and was a graduate of Grayling High School.

Mr. Tibbetts was preceded in death by his father, Walter Tibbetts and his mother, Lillian R. Dutton.

Survivors include: stepfather, Julius Resendez of Saginaw; sisters, Sarah and husband, Wilson Cox of Weidman and Rose and husband, John Anderson of Laingsburg; brothers, Roy J. and Nancy Dutton of Grayling and Wayne F. and wife, Kathy Dutton of Saginaw; several nieces and nephews; and very dear friend, Ingrid B. Wright and her two brothers, Darrell and Derek, and her mother, Ann, and their families of Oak Park.

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Crawford County Abstract
Jim, Ruth, Mary Ann & Pam

Hawk Hill Farm is big in world of horses

By Terry Wright

Today, there are more horses per population of people in Crawford County than in any other county in Michigan.

That may be a surprising fact to you considering the rapid rate of population growth in the county over the last 20 years, and the fact that about 20 years ago there were fewer horses here than in most other counties.

In the early days of Crawford County history, horses played a very important role. Huge work horses pulled millions of tons of raw lumber out of our forests in the logging era. Later, when the county was a promising agricultural area, horses pulled the plows that turned the soil. Prior to the automobile horses provided the only mode of personal transportation.

By the early 1920s, horses in Crawford County were no longer practical. The forests were cleared, most people owned cars, and the few farms that were still struggling along were converting to tractors. The population of horses dwindled to next to nothing and for the next 60 years horses were scarce.

Sometime in the recent era of increasing recreation and leisure, horses again became fashionable spurring increased ownership and competition. Horse shows, rodeos, and races of all kinds are now common events.

Geri Olson of Beaver Creek was raised in a family that owned horses and she built her love of horses into a full-time business. Geri is the owner of Hawk Hill Farm on Beaver Road where she specializes in training and competing with her horses in the sport of barrel racing.

Hawk Hill Farm was born in 1974 when her parents Nels and Jan Olson built a small barn for their pleasure horses. As the current owner, Geri has added on to that small barn until today she and fiance Patrick Hiar have 54 horses under one roof attached to the largest indoor barrel racing arena in northern Michigan.

One of Geri's future goals is to establish her own bloodline of barrel racing horses through selective breeding.

"We're very involved in breeding and raising babies," she said. "This spring we will have ten foals."

Last year Hawk Hill Farm hosted several barrel racing events including one nationally approved race that gave away prize money of more than \$2,400. At 200 feet long and 64 feet wide with expanded wings to accommodate

barrel racing, the lighted, indoor Hawk Hill arena is a natural for barrel racing competition.

Seventeen of the horses on Hawk Hill Farm are boarded by others. Some of those horses are in training and others are there for the pleasure of their owners.

"Owning a horse is not as expensive as you think," Geri said. "You can buy a good safe trail horse for \$1,000 to \$1,500."

Although Geri also sells, boards and breeds horses, gives riding lessons in both barrel and pleasure riding, and sells tack, her main love is in training barrel racing horses and she has been very successful. Last year three of her students qualified for the national rodeo barrel racing finals on horses that Geri helped trained. Geri also qualified two of her horses in the national finals herself.

One of Geri's horses has won more than \$25,000 in barrel racing competition all over the midwest including the "Bull Mania" rodeo that came to Grayling last summer. Barrel racers from all over Michigan come to Geri for her training expertise. She expects another of her horses to be a future world champion barrel racer.

Geri's success in training horses stems from her own training background. She spent several years in Kentucky studying with former world champion barrel racing trainers. Geri's assistant, Patty Degeer of Acme also studied training techniques from world champions. Together they form one of the most professional training services in Michigan.

Geri loves it when people visit the farm to watch her horses in action. "We have some people who come and shovel out stalls just so they can be near the horses. We let them ride sometimes."

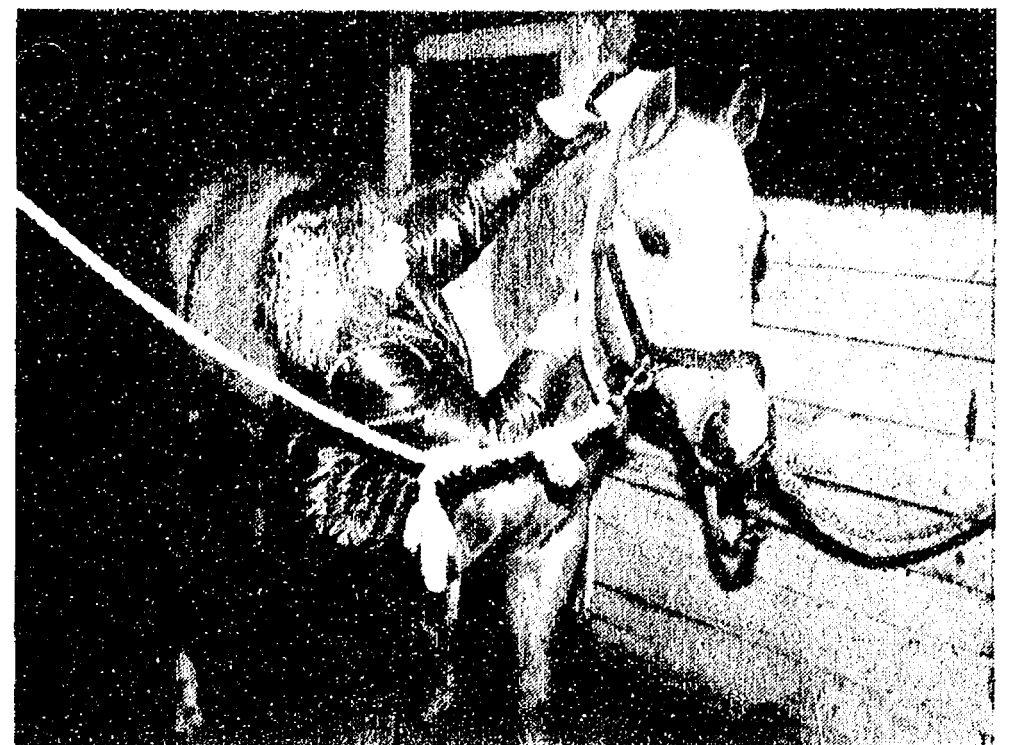
Although Geri's mom, Jan, leaves the horse operation to her daughter, she has turned another corner of the farm into a business of her own. She runs the Hawks Nest Country Gift Store featuring hand crafted gifts, and she has a petting zoo for children.

The zoo contains several llamas, a whole herd of pygmy goats, sheep, a burro, turkeys, ducks, a calf, pigs, and ponies. Kids can go right into the barnyard with the animals for a real hands-on experience not available anywhere else in Crawford County.

The Hawks Nest Farm Petting Zoo and the Country Gift Store are open from Memorial Day weekend until the middle of October.



FUTURE CHAMPIONS IN ACTION--Geri Olson rides "Sissy" around a barrel during a strenuous training session. Both horse and rider are in training for the world championships.



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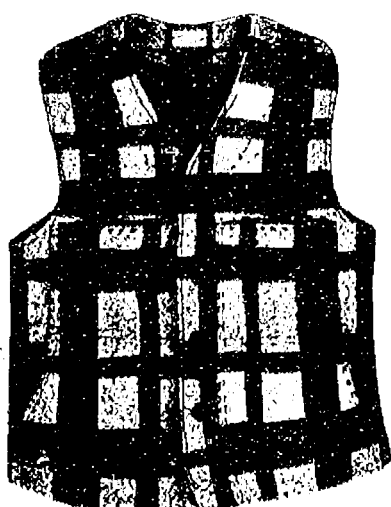
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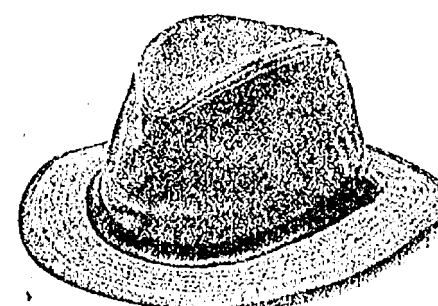
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OBITUARIES

Linda Wuepper

Linda Wuepper, 42, died Sunday, December 12, 1993, at Munson Medical Hospital in Traverse City. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, December 15, at Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord, with Pastor Don Brigham officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Wuepper was born July 26, 1951, in Grayling, and was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Gaylord.

Mrs. Wuepper was preceded in death by her parents, Lucille and Daniel Hively.

Survivors include: husband, John Wuepper; step-daughter, Dawn; sisters, Shirley and husband, Ken Tipton, Cathy Potter, Carol and husband, Dave Brannan, all of Grayling; brother, Dan and wife, April Hively of Grayling; grandparents, Stella and Earl Sedelmain; 13 nieces and nephews; one great nephew; and many aunts and uncles.

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Merry Christmas to all!!!

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In loving memory of my dad and mom, Frank and Phyllis Shearer, this Christmas, 1993.

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When you awaken in the morning's hush we are the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight, we are the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at our grave and cry, we are not there, we did not die.

My love, Mike

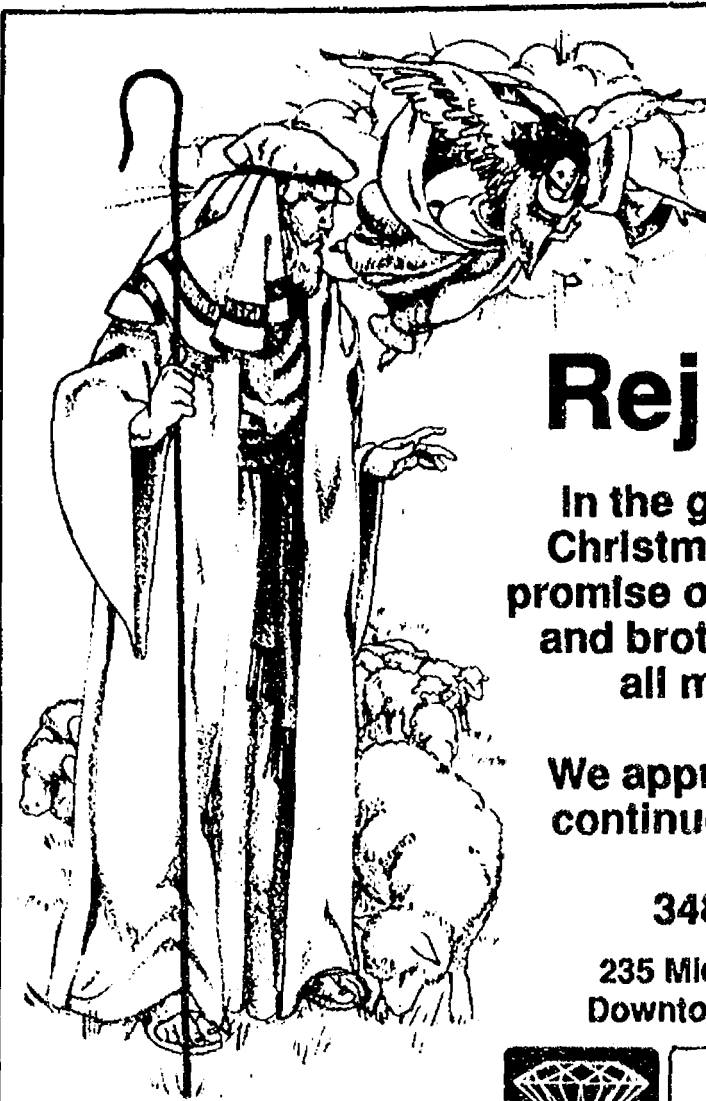


Girl Scouts stay busy during holiday season

The Girl Scouts invited the pom-pom squad up to get them ready for their cookie sales, the theme was "we got it together!" All troops did very good with cookie sales. The troops also made Christmas ornaments made out of food or potpourri and donated them to nursing homes in Grayling to get ready for the Christmas spirit.

The Girl Scouts were invited to a local business to paint a fall theme for October and November. They also helped to provide and serve Thanksgiving dinner for adults and the needy at the American Legion Hall. With all of that going on, they still had time to work on try-its, badges, as well as get ready for Christmas by making family gifts. They will also be going caroling in December. Be watching for troops around town.

Also some troops donated to the mitten tree or gave to the Christian Center can food pantry, to help the less fortunate.



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M.S.U. EXTENSION NEWS

By Roy V. Spangler.

Living Christmas tree needs special handling

Some people see buying a live Christmas tree and planting it outdoors after the holiday as a great two-for-one deal. Others want to use a living tree to memorialize a particularly significant Christmas, such as little Jason or Jessica's first Christmas or the first holiday spent in the new house.

Whatever your reason for buying and planting a live tree, you want it to survive in the landscape.

You can improve its chances by giving it some special handling before and after planting.

Mel Koelling, extension forestry specialist at Michigan State University, explains that spending many days in warm temperatures indoors will cause a living tree to break dormancy. This makes it susceptible to damage by freezing temperatures when it goes back outside.

To keep the tree dormant, keep it indoors for no longer than seven to ten days, Koelling advises. Put it in the coolest possible location indoors, well away from heat sources such as furnace registers, fireplaces and sunny south-facing windows. To reduce the shock of transition from outdoors to indoors, move it in stages—give it a day or two in an enclosed but unheated porch or in a garage or breezeway before you bring it into a heated area. Ease it back outdoors the same way.

For a living tree, look for a small white or blue spruce, Douglas fir or white pine, Koelling suggests. In recent years, small Fraser firs have also gained in popularity, he notes.

"A balled-and-burlapped tree should have six to nine inches of burlap-covered root ball for every inch of trunk diameter," he points out, "so a large tree with an adequate root ball would be too heavy to move in and out of the home."

To keep the roots moist, place the root ball in a container with a drainage hole and a pan underneath so you can water it without drowning the root. Warm, dry air will quickly dry out the foliage—occasional misting may help keep it fresh.

After the holidays, plant the tree in a site that meets the tree's requirements for drainage, exposure to sunlight and growing room. Either dig the hole ahead of time and store the soil where it won't freeze or heavily mulch the planting site to keep the ground from freezing so you can dig the hole in late December.

The hole should be half again as wide as the root ball and deep enough so that the tree sits at the same depth at which it had been growing. Make sure you remove any wires or plastic cords or other non-biodegradable materials from the root ball before planting so they don't strangle the tree as it grows. Real burlap or papier mache containers can be left on because they'll rot and pose no problem to plant growth.

Water the newly planted tree thoroughly after planting. Shield it from direct sun and drying wind with burlap or canvas supported by stakes, or wrap the entire tree with burlap. Remove the burlap by the first of April.

During the tree's first year in the landscape, water every seven to ten days. During extended dry spells, more frequent watering may be

necessary. Like any other newly planted ornamental, your living Christmas tree has a small root system and limited ability to take up water to replace what it loses through its foliage.

Becareful not to overwater, however—let the soil dry between waterings.

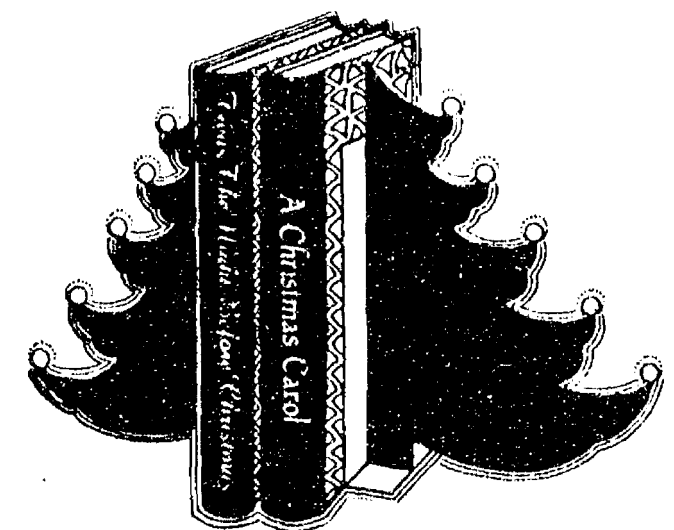
"For the most part, the trees used as living Christmas trees don't tolerate a lot of water around their roots," Koelling points out. "The roots need air to grow, as well as water, and roots in saturated soil tend to rot."

Christmas piano recital presented

Piano students of Mrs. Judy Englund presented a Christmas piano recital Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. at Heritage Baptist Church, 1841 Hartwick Pines Road.

Students performing were Melissa Ostwald, Krista Lowe, John McNamara, Tiffany Pizzi, Ben Lowe, Deborah Schreiner, Charley McNamara, Katey DeVries, Heidi Englund, Mary Bobenmoyer, and Rachel Miller.

About 60 persons were in attendance. Refreshments followed the recital.



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COMMISSION ON AGING

By Jan Farley

The annual Christmas dinner/dance was a howling success. Everyone was delighted with the seating arrangement and the food was delicious. Many volunteers helped at the sign-in tables: Virginia and Willard Bowling, Wilda and Jerry Zinzo, Evelyn Shuraloff, Phyllis Brummer; Vera Wilson and decorating crew: Wilda and Jerry Zinzo, Ruth and Jess Cruz, Mary Martin, Clare Sampier, and Ann Buron. The boys from Shawono also set up and served. They also got some dancing lessons from the ladies and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The trivia nights are gaining in popularity and the participants are gaining in expertise. Pretty soon we will have to get out the board game!

The "Ritz on Lawndale" (Senior Citizen dining room) is, "Where the elite meet t'eat!" For a donation of \$1.50 per meal for seniors and a cost of \$2.50 for those under 60, you can get the best deal in town on a delicious meal. Reservations are needed (348-7123), but if you find yourself in town and want to stop in, please feel free to enjoy our meals at any time; we can always feed you.

Congregate meals are served at noon and five o'clock, Monday through Thursday and at noon on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as **Lunch/Dinner**:

December 22-Hamburg and Cheese Noodles/Beef Stew;

Center closed December 23 and 24 for the Christmas holidays;

December 27-Pork/Stuffed Peppers; December 28-Hamburgers/Chicken ala King;

December 29-Fish/Roast Beef New Year's Dinner;

Center closed December 30 and 31 for New Year holidays.

Coming Events

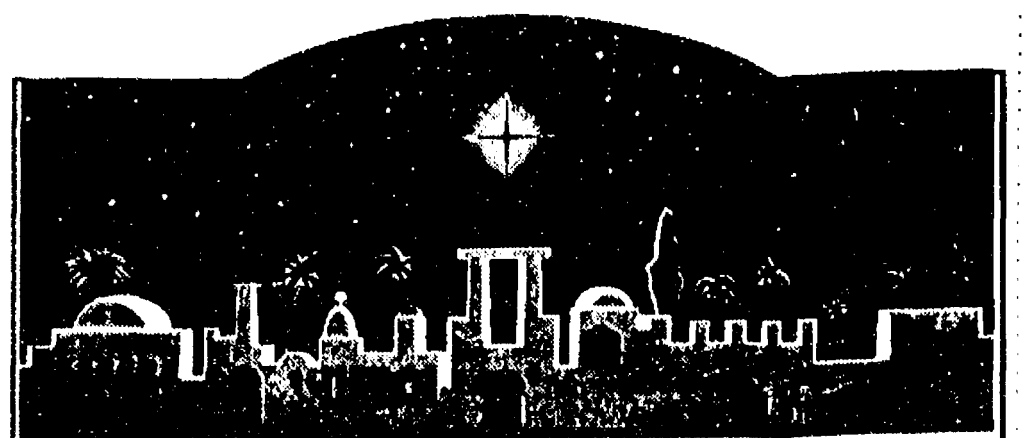
Mark your calendars for December happenings:

December 28-White elephant auction at 5:30 p.m.

December 29-New Year's bash, ring in the new year with dinner and dancing, at 5 p.m.

Crafts every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., bring your own to do or learn something new to do with the gang. The craft department did itself proud last week at their craft and bake sale. Lots of goodies and cute crafty things were sold and everyone had a grand time.

Bible study at 10:30 every Wednesday.



Silent Night

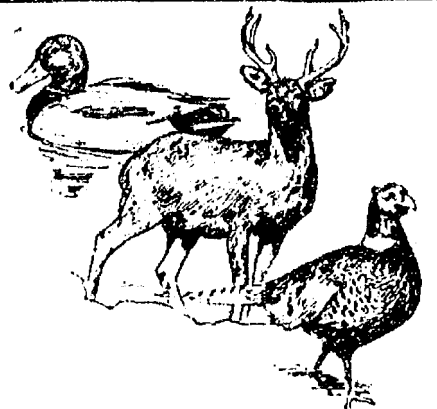
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The eve of a glorious morn,
A time of faith as all mankind
Exalted when Christ was born.
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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Waiting on ice...

Black powder season is now over with a very light kill. Snow might have helped, however most hunters think the herd is down from previous years. Now we need a few cold nights to get some good ice so we can start ice fishing. Although there is some ice on some lakes, be careful if you decide to try it.

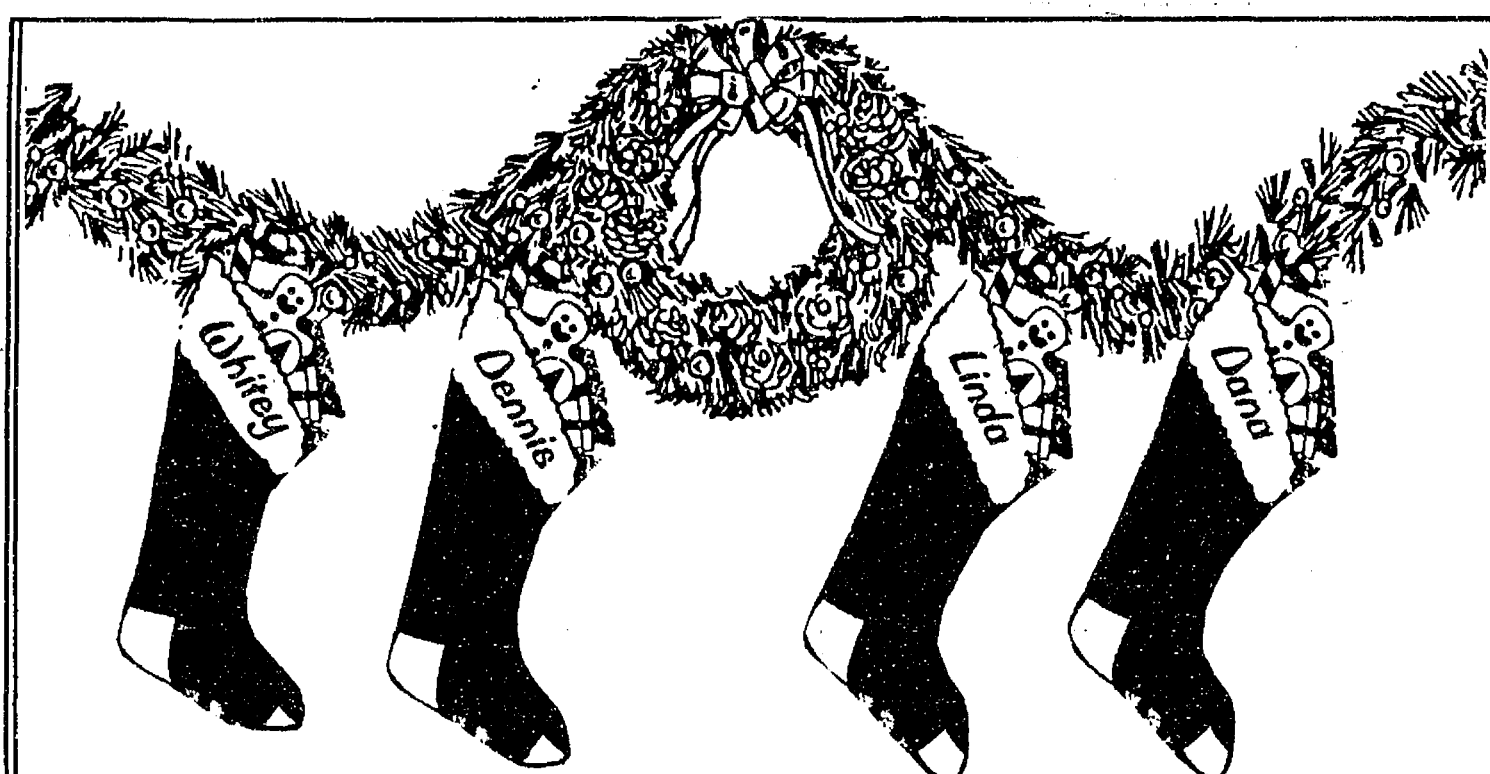


This Week's Fishing Tip

South Bay on Lake Margrethe is good now. They have been getting some pike and muskie, also some walleye now and then.

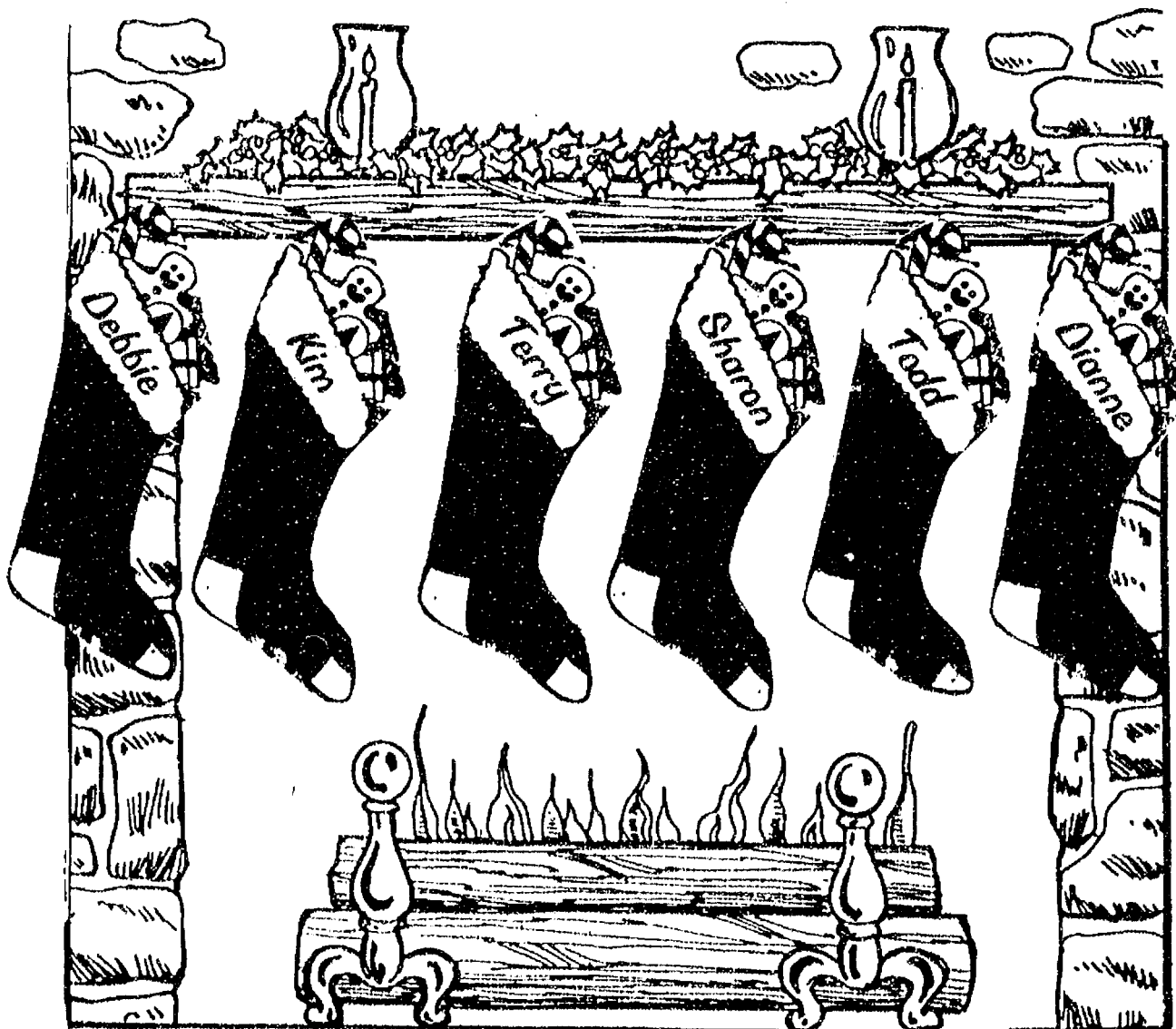
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Thursday, December 23, 1993

Crawford County Avalanche

Hoop, there it is! Vikings continue total dominance

By Terry Wright

The Grayling Viking boy's basketball team maintained its perfect record last week with two big victories.

On Friday, the Onaway Cardinals invaded Viking territory for the Vikes first conference game. When the final buzzer sounded the Cardinals were on the losing end of an 87-51 route.

The Cards hit for the first basket of the game but didn't see another score until close to the end of the first period. In the same time, the Vikings hit for 29 points. Junior Shane Hinkle hit 14 of his total 20 points in the opening quarter.

"Our defense came to play," Viking Coach Tom Mills said. "We had 50 deflections of the ball. Twenty-seven of them were steals."

Senior Kris Andersen upped his scoring average to almost 26, as he hit for 32 big points. Andersen collected 15 of his points in the third quarter.

Also in double figures for the Vikings were Hinkle with 20, and Croze with 12. Senior Chris Wolcott led the rebounders with eight boards and six assists.

Mills said, "We played a very good, very intense game and were able to keep our focus. We got a good game from people off the bench."

"The enthusiasm of the crowd was great," Mills said. "That kind of enthusiasm makes the difference between victory and defeat in a close game. I hope it continues through the season."

On Tuesday, the Vikings hosted and conquered the Elk Rapids Elks in a non-conference contest winning by six, 78-72.

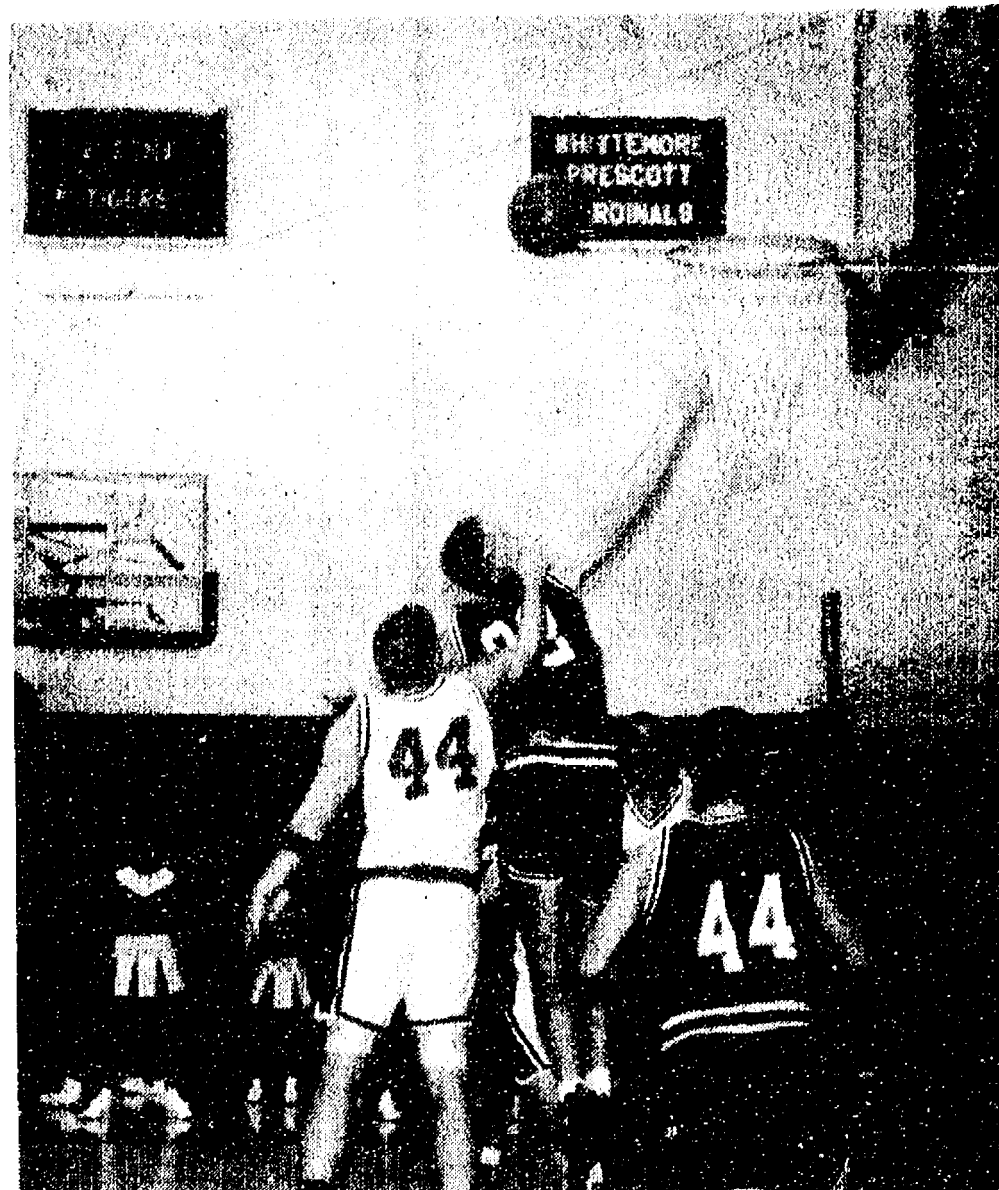
It looked like an easy night for the Vikings for the first three quarters, but Elk Rapids proved to be a formidable challenge roaring back from a 22-point fourth-quarter deficit to tighten the game.

"We were in control until the end

when we lost our composure and started throwing the ball away," Mills said. We let them right back into the game."

Junior Ben Croze led the Viking attack with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Senior Jeff Mier added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Shane Hinkle hit for 12 points, and senior Kris Andersen added 11 points.

The Vikings now face a 17-day layoff from competition through the holiday season. They open again at Boyne City on Tuesday, Jan. 4. The following week, Tuesday, Jan. 11, the Vikings host their arch rivals from Gaylord.



ANDERSEN SKIES FOR THE BALL--Viking Kris Andersen (22), goes high. Chris Jones (44) watches from the baseline.

Mlcek, Parker win conference MVP awards

Viking senior Mande Mlcek and junior Nicole Parker were named to the all league most valuable player basketball squad at the annual post season banquet.

Senior Darcie McCurdy and sophomore Brooke Blaauw received conference honorable mention honors.

Head Coach Tom Mills said, "Mlcek and Parker were probably two of the best players in northern Michigan this year."

The Viking team MVP honors went to Parker, Mlcek also won the "Hustle Award."

Junior Carol Lanczy earned the "Most Improved" award.

"Carol came a long way this year," Mills said, "She did a great job for us."



MANDEE MLCEK



NICOLE PARKER

Great Northern Conference, Huron Division MVPs

The "Team Award," given by a vote of the team members to the players who display the greatest team leadership and motivation, was awarded to seniors Suzy Lovely and McCurdy.

"This was a very enjoyable year for me. This is a group of girls who were eager to learn and easy to coach," Mills said.

The girls' finished the season with an 8-12 overall record, with a 3-5 record in the Huron Division of the Great Northern Conference.

Mills also recognized the special support given to the team this year by scorekeeper Dennis Wallace, and by the Burger King restaurant.



CROZE HEADS DOWN THE COURT--Junior Ben Croze starts toward the Viking court after grabbing a big rebound.

GHS netters fall in first matches of season

The Grayling Varsity Netters dropped their first two matches of the 1993-1994 season versus area rivals Roscommon and Gaylord.

The Vikings improved defending their home court Thursday, Dec. 16, but could not stop the Gaylord Blue Devils from leaving the wins of 15-3, 15-6 and 15-12 for the match.

Mande Mlcek led the Vikings with a perfect 12-12 serving, while adding 4 spikes and 21 passes. Jennifer

adding 4 spikes and 21 passes. Jennifer Faffinger hit on 25 setting attempts, with seven service points and 22 passes.

Darcie McCurdy and Jennifer Andrus led the Netters attack up front. McCurdy recorded a team-high three block, was second with eight spikes and 3 tips. Andrus hit for a team-high nine spikes to go along with 2 tips.

"We played much better," said Coach Rebecca Brown. "They're a

strong team."

Brown said the team's offensive performance was much improved compared to their opening match with Roscommon, but they could not stop a strong Blue Devil team.

"Our passes were more targeted," she said. "We were at 83 percent. We want to get to 90 percent on that. We just didn't have the blocking to stop Gaylord's attack."

"We had glimpses of what we can do and that helped to build their confidence," Brown said.

Earlier in the week, the Vikes traveled to Roscommon and were defeated 15-6, 15-6.

"We lost five starters from last year, and two weeks wasn't really enough to work on what we needed to," Brown said of the Netters season opener on Dec. 13. "The kids worked hard on defense, and they did it well."

"They (Roscommon) gave us a good idea what we need to work on," she added. "We learned a lot, so it was a positive night for us."

Brown said she looks to build on the lessons learned in the Netters first two matches during the holiday break. The Vikings see their next action Jan. 8 at the Rogers City Invitational.

Matmen pin competition in Gaylord, Mason County

The Grayling High School wrestling team continued a long winning tradition under Head Coach Don Ferguson by sweeping victories in their last two meets.

At the Mason County Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 18, the Vikings beat eight other area teams and brought eight medals to win the overall championship. Grayling scored 146 points, Hesperia 129, Ludington 114,

Mason County Central 110 1/2, Lakeview 109, Frankfort 88, Manton 67, Elk Rapids 57, and Benzie Central 49 1/2.

"Everybody on our team scored points," Ferguson said. "The freshmen really came through for us with three of them in the finals. That's what you need to build a strong team."

Individual championships were earned by seniors Brent Kernstock

(189), and Jerry Weaver (152). Placing second were junior Tom Oberg (119), and sophomore Steve McEvers (112), and freshmen Eddie Davis (125), Monte Malonen (130), and Jason Hall (135). Heavyweight junior Andy Langowski finished fourth.

Other Vikings scoring points were senior Brian Robinson (145), junior Lowell Bindschatel (140), and freshman Bill Miller (160).

At Gaylord on Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Vikings pinned the Roscommon Bucks 54-18, then beat the Gaylord Blue Devils 41-33.

"We needed the last heavyweight match to beat Gaylord," Ferguson said. "Langowski pulled through giving us the team victory."

Winning two matches in Gaylord were Vikings seniors Brian Robinson, Jerry Weaver, and Brent Kernstock, juniors Tom Oberg, Lowell Bindschatel, and Andy Langowski, and freshman Jason Hall. Winning one match were freshmen Eddie Davis, Monte Malonen, and Bill Miller.

"Our conditioning has helped us out a lot," Ferguson said. "Our kids have been working real hard."

"It was an all-out team effort," Ferguson said.

The two meets put Ferguson a little closer to his personal career goal of 200 victories. He now stands at 193 victories against only 75 losses.

Ski race league offered at Hanson Hills

The Grayling Recreation Authority is offering an Adult Co-ed Ski Race League to be held on Friday nights. All racers must be at least 18 years of age.

The league will begin Friday, January 14, 1994, with racing starting at 7 p.m. Courses and scoring will be based on the NASTAR system with four racers being scored and each team

must score at least one female per week.

The league will run for six weeks. Registration form and entry fee are due by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 1994.

For more information, please contact the Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266.

JV boys' hoopsters win two

In Junior Varsity basketball action, the Junior Vikings took an easy 55-29 victory against Elk Rapids and then beat Onaway 52-42.

The Onaway Cardinals stayed close through the entire game and outscored the Vikings 17-13 in the final period.

Coach Butch Hayes said, "It was a good team effort. Our shot selection was very good. It's nice to go into Christmas break with two wins and time to prepare for the rest of the schedule."

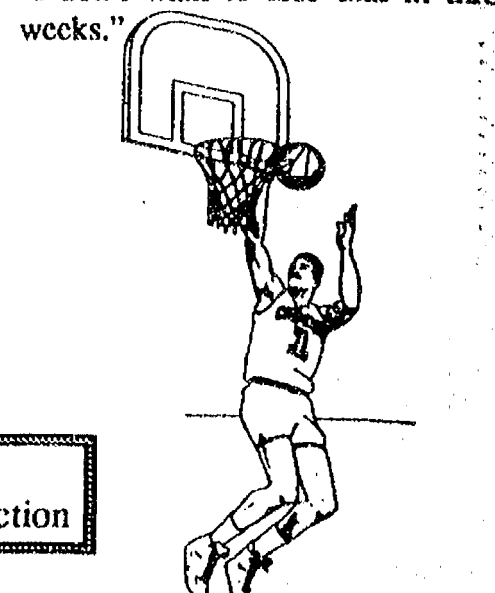
Corey Northrop scored 16 points to lead the Viking attack. Scott Hartman added 13 points and five rebounds. Against Elk Rapids the Vikings

jumped out to a quick lead and coasted to the victory.

The leading Viking scorers were Corey Northrop and Scott Hartman each with 16 points. Chris Kucharck led Viking rebounders with eight.

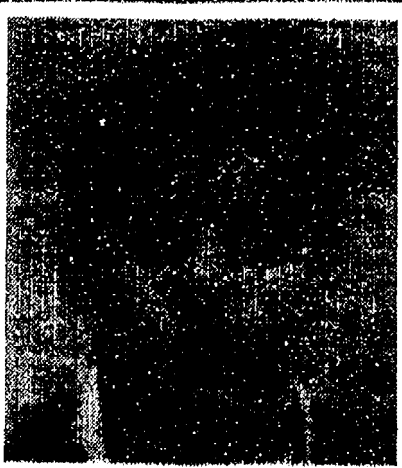
"The kids really turned it on. We had some very good defensive play and balanced scoring in all quarters. We played with good intensity," Hayes said.

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Brent Kernstock
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Dart League champions announced

The Grayling Holiday Inn Dart League's fall season concluded December 7, with a banquet at the Speak Easy Saloon.

First place went to the Sackrider Well Drilling team, Bill Rouse, Debbie Rouse and Bob Burgdorf. In addition to first place trophies all three received Shanghai trophies. Bill also received a trophy for ton's leaders with 1185 points.

Second place went to the Quick Points team. Dave and Eileen Alton and Mitch Baker. Dave and Eileen also received Shanghai trophies.

Third place went to the Hammerheads team of Mike Dominique, Sandy Johnson, and Bill Foster.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League		Women's High Game: A. Roman, J. Kellogg, 169, M. Frankenfield, 165, P. Essiambre, 164.		M. Campbell, 514, R. Hinds, 455, R. Brush, B. Evon, 449.	
AJD	31.5-24.5	Women's High Series: P. Essiambre, 478, A. Roman, 471, J. Kellogg, 461.		Women's High Game: K. Lozon, 204, J. Hinds, 199, K. Moshier, 188. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 519, Y. Schreiber, 474, K. Moshier, 472.	
Glen's Market	31-25	National League 1st		Sunday Fun League	
Peterson Saw	29-27	Budweiser		Old Kent Bank	
Mickey Perez	28-28	Spikes		Legion Lanes	
First Impression Sportswear	27-29	Frederic Inn		Milltown Carpet	
Cornell Real Estate	26.5-29.5	Carlisle Paddle		Helsel's	
Mac's Drugs	26-30	Northland Appliance		Spikes	
Scheer Motors	25-31	Bear's Country Inn		MIOH Corp	
High Game: P. Terry, 172, C. Mead, C. Curtis, 162, R. Gierke, 159. High Series: P. Terry, 450, J. Strachan, 446, J. Michal, 444.		G. P. Resin		Lovells Hardware	
Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles		High Game: M. Marks, 233, S. Miller, 216, R. Micheles, 209. High Series: M. Marks, 626, R. Micheles 544, B. Burrick, 533.		Men's High Game: S. Kirby, 206, D. Canfield, 199, T. Messerschmidt, 197. Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 558, S. Kirby, 549, L. Davis, 516.	
R & R Auto Sales	40.5-19.5	Pioneer League		Women's High Game: B. Walker, 174, R. Shirkey, 171, E. Helsel, 169. Women's High Series: T. Papendick, 481, S. Romain, 469, B. Walker, 449.	
Sutiles	35-25	Eagles Auxiliary		Saturday Morning Young American League	
Computer Services Co.	33.5-26.5	Millikins		Lucky Strikers	
Mac's Drugs	30-30	CCTA		Dusters	
Robideau Const. #1	29-31	Chemical Bank		High Rollers	
All Seasons Drywall	29-31	Aunt Betty's		Terminators	
Robideau Const. #2	27-33	Custom Interior		Predators	
Odd Balls	15-45	Avalanche		Little Women	
Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 191, R. Hinds, 181, W. Fedewa, 174. Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 527, T. Rondeau, 486, W. Fedewa, 473.		Mercy Hospital		Peace Makers	
Women's High Game: N. Cinciala, 169, B. Lukima, 169, M. Hawkins, J. Hinds, 162.		High Game: C. Jones, 196, M. Perez, 182, K. Moshier, 177. High Series: C. Jones, 496, K. Moshier, 471, Y. Schreiber, C. Pfaff, 469.		Stingers	
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 460, N. Cinciala, 437, B. Lukima, N. Glaslee, 426.		Triangle League		Winners of gift certificates: Albies, D. Harris; Hardee's, J. Armstrong; Pizza Hut, D. Adloff; Burger King, D. Ray; Big Boy, C. Romain; Subway, R. Cox; McDonald's, J. Davis; Buccilli's, C. Rice; A & W, K. Ockerman; Wendy's, S. See; 7-Eleven, E. Johnson; Little Caesar's, S. Lozon.	
American 2nd Division		Helsel Forest		High Series: D. Ray, 487. High Game: D. Ray, 188.	
Glen's	35-14	Barber Const.		Thursday Morning Coffee League	
Skip's	29-20	Grayling Ford		Spike's	
McLean's	28-21	Deb & Dale's		Ole Dam	
Sutiles by Sue	28-21	Sylvesters		Lone Pine	
Upper Lakes	26-23	Go-Flo Painting		Glen's Market	
Northland Appliance	24-25	CSI		AuSable Construction	
Auto Value	17-32	Jackson Trio		Pittcrew	
Swamp II	9-40	High Game: B. Stefaniak, 210, L. Davis, 203, R. Case, 201. High Series: L. Davis, 573, B. Stefaniak, 552, R. Case, 542.		Candoit Services	
Senior Citizens Bowling League		Friday Night Mixed Doubles		Legion Lanes	
Buccilli's Pizza	39-21	Milltown Drywall		High Game: S. Reilly, 211, S. Romain, 181, P. Everson, 178. High Series: S. Reilly, 504, S.	
Sylvester's Sports	33-27	A.J.D.		Swamp II	
Cornell's Realty	32-28	Schreibers		Frederic Inn	
Century 21	32-28	Deb & Dale's		Weyerhaeuser	
Weaver's Gifts	30-30	Burger King		Plaza	
Totten's Body Shop	27-33	North End Grocery		Spikes	
Flowers by Josie	26-34	C.S.I.		Red Barn	
Larry & Joan's Place	21-39	Wakeley's		Copper Kettle	
Men's High Game: F. Krolkowski, 193, B. Burrick, 192, D. Germain, 189. Men's High Series: F. Krolkowski, 535, B. Burrick, 528, D. Germain, 497.		Men's High Game: M. Campbell, 190, B. Evon, 182, S. Moon, 175. Men's High Series:			

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POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League December 13	
Plaza	80
Legion	63
Red Barn	60
Swamp II	56
Spikes	53
Men's Pool League December 13	
Swamp II	99-45
Frederic Inn	82-62
Weyerhaeuser	76-50
Plaza	67-77
Spikes	63-81
Red Barn	59-67
Copper Kettle	40-104

Correction

Last week's Avalanche inadvertently reported the 171 pound class winner of the Roscommon Invitational Wrestling Meet to be Brian Kernstock. The winner was actually Brent Kernstock.

The Avalanche also failed to list Andy Langowski as a champion in the heavyweight division.

The Avalanche also incorrectly credited a basketball photo identification to Kris Andersen. The photo captioned "Andersen passes in bounds" was actually of Chris Wolcott.

The Avalanche regrets any inconvenience these errors may have caused.



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FOOTBALL CONTEST

Philip Lewis won week #16 with 20 points. Paul Peterson also had 20 points, but Lewis' tiebreaker guess of 52 was closer to the actual score of 72 for game #1 than Peterson's guess of 28. Seven others had 18 points. Out of the 177 entries received, two people got three points for the week, and four got four points for the week! We also had one disqualified entry because it was received on copy paper. Remember, they must be on our own form. The Avalanche will be closed on Christmas Eve, but you can put your entry in the door slot. They will be picked up at 5 p.m. so don't forget to turn your entry in.

Since there are so few college games being played now, we are doubling up on some professional teams. You can play it safe and pick one of each or be daring and go for the same team.

Top contenders in the overall football contest are: Pamela Hull, 211; Ken Best, 209; Paul Peterson, 208; Dennis Kuhn, 208; Christopher Calhoun, 207; Annette Metzger, 207; June Rouse, 207; Butch Brown, 206; Scotty MacLeod, 206; Carol Sietoff, 206.

Last Week's Winners

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. San Francisco (72) | 10. Phoenix (57) |
| 2. Denver | 11. Kansas City |
| 3. Dallas | 12. L.A. Raiders |
| 4. Washington | 13. Philadelphia |
| 5. Buffalo | 14. San Francisco |
| 6. Houston | 15. Houston |
| 7. Cincinnati | 16. Buffalo |
| 8. Minnesota | 17. Denver |
| 9. New England | 18. Dallas (35) |

Overall Score through Week #15

195 points: Pamela Hull, Ken Best.	Harney, Cindy Reetz, Carol Conklin,	Melanie Cragg.
194 points: Larry Rouse.	Michael Consani, Arnie Stancil.	156 points: Steve Anderson Jr., Terri
193 points: Carol Sietoff, June Rouse.	177 points: Jim VanDyke, Stephen	Howe.
192 points: Butch Brown, Steve	Reinke, Al Cherven, Tom Selon, Jan Annis,	155 points: B. Noeske & J. Petrie.
Anderson, Ron "Scotty" MacLeod.	Bill Consani, Larry Davis Jr., April Ballor.	154 points: Karen Curtis, Aaron
191 points: Dennis Kuhn, Fred	176 points: Wayne Davis, David	Raymond.
Krowlikowski.	Svensen, Jane Glidden, Kimberly Kuhn,	152 points: Phyllis Thompson.
190 points: Jerry Respecki, Thomas	Beverly Fagan, Dave Petrie.	151 points: Edward Moggo, Robert
Goddard, Annette Metzger.	175 points: Ken Cox, John Cottenham,	Wargo Jr.
189 points: Jessica St. German, Ross	Jack Sietoff, Doug Latuszek, Jacquie	150 points: Mary Stowers, Clark
Thompson, Christopher Callahan.	Glander.	Allen.
188 points: Tom Cox, Robert	174 points: Darrell Metzger, Kimberly	147 points: Lyndell Robinson.
Gennrich, Mark Hartman, Paul Peterson,	Curtis, Bruce Armstrong, Doris	146 points: Matt Keir, Jim Savage.
Betty MacLeod.	Solomonson, John Brumhill.	144 points: Dennis Henning, Scott
187 points: Gary Nettleton, Joseph	173 points: Nancy Root, Judy Myers,	Rich, Michelle Wakeley.
Contreras, Joyce Lindberg.	Julie Fagan.	141 points: Michael Barr, Arnold
186 points: Ken Wyman, Bobby	172 points: Russell Hart, Duane Wales,	Randall.
Gennrich, Rick Marshall, Mary Brown.	Monte Malonen Sr., Irene Wyman.	
185 points: Nancy Gingerick.	171 points: Rena Neilson, Jeff McMann,	
184 points: Louise Hatfield, Michelle	Reda Francisco.	
Elsner, Steve Thompson, Alan Fagan.		
183 points: Lloyd Crawford, George	170 points: Lynne Elsner, Robert Mead,	140 points: Justin Davis.
Gingerick, Philip Lewis, Mary Ann	Julie Gates.	137 points: John Wireman.
Reynolds, Dave Sharpe, Sandy	169 points: Rose Gildner.	136 points: Monte Malonen.
Williams, Laurlee Respecki.	168 points: Brenda Curtis, Harold	131 points: Beverly McIntosh.
182 points: Vicki Lewis, Paul Hamlin,	Marquardt, Cheryl Callahan.	130 points: Larry Pembroke.
Mike Kirmo, Paula Nettleton, Leon	167 points: Marie St. Germain, Rick	128 points: Kim Guemsey, Dustin
D'Amour, Sandra Kirmo, Douglas	Nash.	Lovely.
Donaldson, Chris Golinick.	166 points: Paulette Malonen, Toni	125 points: Don Bancroft.
181 points: Jerry Gildner, Ron Metzger,	Stephan.	124 points: Shirley Welke, Lennie
John Smock, Mark Reetz, Mary Ann	165 points: Bernie DeHart, Ralph	Wargo.
Blair, Travis Eddy, Dave Peterson, Glenn	Krolczyk.	123 points: Bill Rouse.
Anderson, Joe Gorski, Irving McIsaac,	163 points: Paula Derenzy, Brent	122 points: Kevin Hunter, David
Gary Derenzy.	Kernstock.	Bendig & Son.
180 points: Rick Anderson, Warren	162 points: Ken Bolick.	121 points: Justin Eddy.
Galvani, Steve Bartholomew, Kenneth	161 points: Kevin Jansen, J.C. Millikin.	119 points: John Junttila, Bonnie
Polley, Bob Wininger, Doug McMurtrie,	160 points: Jamie Anderson, Kris Albee,	O'Dell.
Paul Hartman, Curt LaMotte.	Lois J. Davis, Bob Root.	118 points: Robert Ridley III.
179 points: Kenneth Conklin, JoAnna	159 points: Patrick Merrill, Lacey	115 points: Brian Rasmussen.
Cottenham, Paul Elekovich, Gerry St.	Stephan III.	113 points: Roy McIntosh.
German.	158 points: Patrick A. Cerelli.	109 points: Ginger Garnett.
178 points: John Schneider, Sherry	157 points: David Holland, Kelly Curtis,	108 points: Mitch Kersey.
		107 points: Roy Renon.
		105 points: Jim M. Brown.
		102 points: David Golinick.

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Week #17 for Games December 25 & 26

Game	WINNER	ADVERTISER
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Game 2	_____	_____
Game 3	_____	_____
Game 4	_____	_____
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Game 6	_____	_____
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Game 8	_____	_____
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Game 10	_____	_____
Game 11	_____	_____
Game 12	_____	_____
Game 13	_____	_____
Game 14	_____	_____
Game 15	_____	_____
Game 16	_____	_____
Game 17	_____	_____
Game 18	_____	_____

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____


Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18) _____

Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 10) _____

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1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
5. Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

9. N.Y. Giants vs. Phoenix



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- One or two drinks would not be a problem if you drive very carefully and slowly.
- Coffee or a cold shower will help you sober up more quickly.
- All of the above.

Unfortunately, every single day, evening, weekend and holiday these statements are not only found to be untrue, but lead directly to tragedy. Last year, 502 people died as a direct result of drinking and driving. These traffic crashes did not just occur between midnight and four a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night. They can and do happen any time of day or night, whenever someone thinks they can beat the odds.

Last year, drunk driving fatal crashes cost Michigan residents almost \$402 million. A significant portion of this is associated with medical costs, lost productivity and property damage. As Secretary of State and Chair of the Michigan State Safety Commission, I strongly support the efforts of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Michigan) and their red ribbon campaign. I hope you do as well. Tie a red ribbon on the driver side door handle, mirror or antennae of your vehicle, as a simple reminder to never drink then drive.

That pledge has made Michigan roadways safer than ever before. Since Michigan passed tough, new anti-drunk driving laws, fewer people have been driving drunk. As a result, the

percentage of alcohol-involved fatal crashes dropped dramatically. For almost a decade, alcohol has been involved in close to half of all fatal crashes in Michigan. During the past two years that figure has been reduced by more than ten percent.

December is National and Michigan Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. During this month, in particular, we focus our attention on an extra measure of safety instead of that "one for the road."

Certainly there is more public awareness of the dangers of mixing alcohol and a two thousand pound motor vehicle. Driving is a complicated skill that requires every ounce of attention. The slightest loss of edge can mean the difference between life and death. Winter months in particular, with their icy bridges, snow covered roads and early darkness mean treacherous driving, even over familiar streets. Adding alcohol is indeed a deadly mix, and every year hundreds of people, their families and friends, share their sad stories.

The MADD Michigan memorial board contains the pictures of about 200 people killed in Michigan as a result of drunk driving. During December, MADD is displaying their red ribbon tree at the Michigan Library and Historical Center. The tree has 502 hand-tied red ribbons, representing each of the lives lost on Michigan roadways during 1992. These are sad reminders that this is not a perfect world. But, we can make it a better one. Although we can say it a thousand ways, perhaps the simplest is the best — please never drink then drive.

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Gust graduates from Ferris

Lori Gust, a 1989 graduate of Grayling High School, daughter of Lary and Carole Gust of Grayling, and granddaughter of George Granger and Sam and Norma Gust of Naples, Florida, graduated from Ferris State University at ceremonies on Saturday, December 18, with a bachelor's degree in marketing-sales from the college of business.

While at Ferris, Gust was president of the American Marketing Association, active on the debate team, and involved with the big sister program.

She will be locating to Birmingham.

Correction

In the December 16, 1993 issue of the Crawford County Avalanche, Yette Szkotnicki was incorrectly attributed to being at Pearl Harbor on the day of the Japanese attack. Her uncle (a civilian) was at Pearl Harbor the day of the attack. She did not observe the bombing of Pearl Harbor, nor was she recognized as being a Pearl Harbor survivor. Mrs. Szkotnicki was a wave stationed at Konehae Bay Naval Station in 1945.

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley

End-Of-Year Reminders

As the end of the year approaches, there are certain Social Security-related matters you should know about.

If you have a child age one or older who doesn't have a Social Security number, make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. The law requires you to list a Social Security number on your tax return for all dependents over age one.

If you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason), make sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records. If you don't do this, there may be a problem posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits). Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

If you're already getting Social Security benefits and you moved this year, make sure Social Security has your correct address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to report a change in their mailing address.) It's important Social Security has your

correct address because early next year they will be sending a form that shows the total benefits you received in 1993. You may need this form for income tax or other purposes.

If you receive Social Security and work, remember that you can earn more money in 1994 before your benefits are reduced. If you're under 65, you can earn up to \$8,040 next year with no reduction in benefits. If you're 65 to 69, you can earn up to \$11,160 in 1994 with no reduction. If you're 70 or older, there is no limit on your earnings.

If you received benefits and worked in 1993, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by April 15, 1994. The 1993 limits are \$7,680 for people under 65 and \$10,560 for people 65-69.

Reminder: If you receive Supplemental Security Income payments, the January check will arrive early, on December 30, because of the holidays. Regular Social Security checks will still arrive on the third, as usual. And if you use direct deposit, your benefits go directly into your bank account.

BITS OF TALK

A daughter, Danielle Lynne, 8 pounds, 20.5 inches long, was born November 30, 1993, at Halifax Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Florida, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Lynette Waggoner) Monahan of Ormond Beach, Florida.

Lynette Waggoner, her sister, Ann Marie, and maternal grandparents Daniel and Margaret Waggoner are former residents of Grayling and Gaylord, and presently reside in Ormond Beach, Florida.

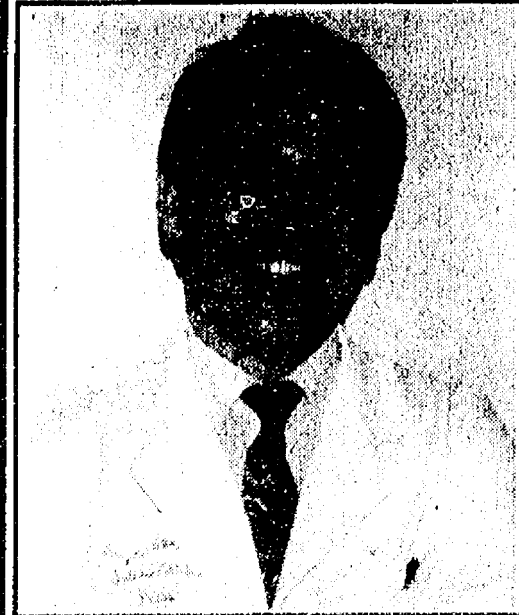
Paternal grandparents are Marcia Monahan and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck (Dolice) Monahan of Ormond Beach By The Sea, Florida.

Grandfather Anthony Dobry of Grayling has been promoted to great grandfather. Other members welcoming the newest addition to the Dobry, Waggoner, and Monahan families are Mary Ann (Schmitt) of Shelby Township, John, Carol and Barbara (Sands) of Grayling and Nancy of Traverse City.

Rotary Club to award scholarships

The Grayling Rotary Club will accept applications for the educational scholarship from individuals who have completed one year of college. Application forms may be obtained from any Rotary member or from the Grayling High School Counseling Department. Individuals may be awarded this scholarship only once. Applications should be mailed no later than December 31, to the Grayling Rotary Club, P.O. Box 373, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

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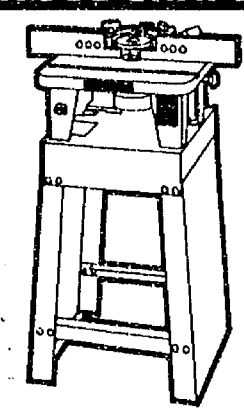
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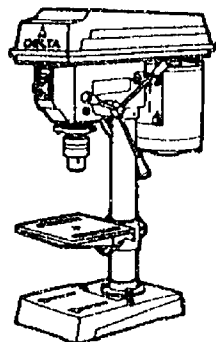
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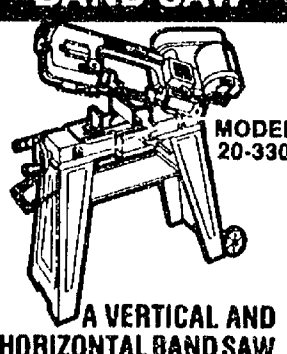
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Front Row-Nancy, Sherri, Donna, Darlene

Dr. Barry Fenn D.D.S. & Staff



Morrill, Smith married

On September 4, 1993, at 4:00 in the afternoon, Nichole Morrill and James Smith were united in marriage at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. A reception immediately followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The bride wore a long sleeved off the shoulder white satin gown. Her gown was accented by a satin hat and a pearl choker necklace. Her bouquet was white satin flowers with black baby's breath.

The matron of honor was Becky Wyman, friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Lisa Barber, friend of the bride, Shawn Williams, friend of the bride, Heide Larm, sister of the bride, and Tina Doeppker, friend of the bride. The girls all wore matching black tea length satin dresses and carried white fans with red roses.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails and black satin vest with a

black bow tie. His boutonniere was a red satin rose. The best man was Kirk Annis, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Adam Mead, Tony Jones, Tony Doremire, and Josh Woodland, all friends of the groom. They all wore white tuxedos with black and white vests and bow ties. Their boutonnieres were black satin roses.

The two ring bearers were Gregory Morrill, nephew of the bride, and Christopher Malone, friend of the groom. The boys tuxedos were replicas of the groom.

The ushers were Greg Morrill, brother of the bride, and Chris Jones, friend of the bride. They wore black tuxedos with red satin rose boutonnieres.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by John Jones, who also wore a black tuxedo.

The couple are now residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming.



WEDDING ANNOUNCED—Larry and Glennis Austin proudly announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea to Robert Butler, son of Gary and Cheryl Butler of Roscommon. The wedding will take place December 31 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. The couple will return to Michigan State University where Andrea is studying for a degree in occupational therapy and Robert will be graduating this spring with a degree in material and logistics management.

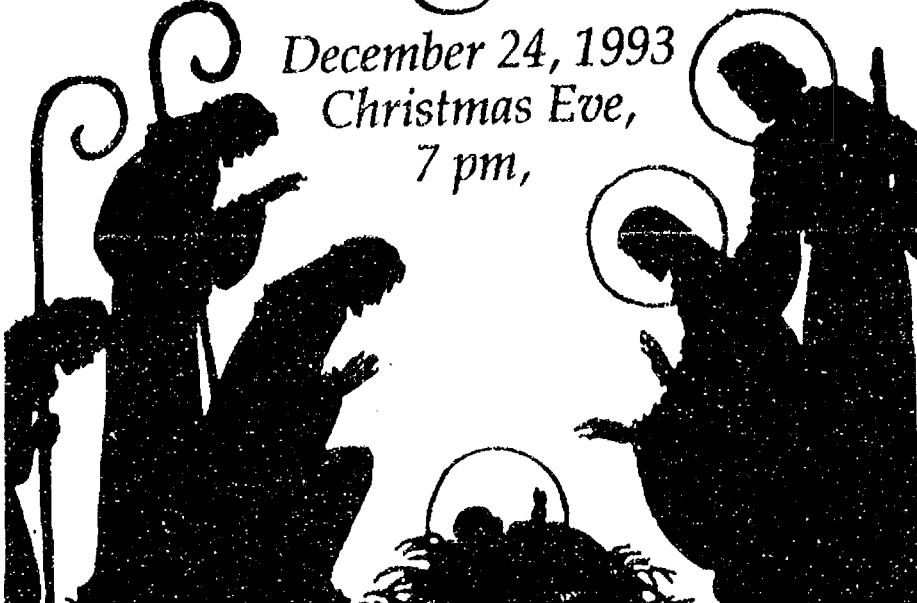
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Color photographs of the existing structure may be examined at the office of the Engineer upon appointment.

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VERSE OR WORSE

By Joe Murphy

Words

I search and search trying to find
The perfect word to ease a troubled mind
The word that will bring solace to a grieving heart
So the healing of time gets a chance to start

The word to ease the pain of the aged and weak
Words that bring the comfort that they seek
Words that will help the worried bear the strain
That will let them rise and walk again

Words that will express the wonder and joy
Of little children with a Christmas toy
A gift that Santa had brought all the way
From the North Pole to enjoy on Christmas day

The words that will express the love and joy
That parents find in a little girl or boy
The pain of death, the joy of birth
That we see each day upon this earth

Words to express the joy we feel
When the warm sun tells us spring is real
The words of thanks as we sit snug and warm
While just outside is a raging storm

Words that could express the love I had
For my dear departed Mom and Dad
Words that would express my sorrow for causing them pain
Words to express my hope of joining them again

Words to express my love for family and wife
Words to thank the Lord for the joy of life
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago

December 24, 1970

District Health Department No. 1 announced today that the City of Grayling has instituted a water fluoridation program. The health department has recommended this program for several years and the Water Supply Section of the Michigan Department of Public Health has approved the procedure from an engineering standpoint.

The appointment of Ernest J. Moon as cost accountant at Bear Archery has been announced by Fred Bear, company president.

Moon, 26, comes to Bear from Detroit, where for the past three years he has been plant controller for Silvercup Bakers, Inc. Prior to that time he occupied the same position for eight years at the Toledo, Ohio plant of American Bakeries.

Moon, his wife Helen, and three children, Deborah, 15, Steve, 13, and Doug, 11 have vacationed in the Grayling area for many years. "When the opportunity came to live in Crawford County, I didn't think about it too long," he said. The Moons are presently living in the East Branch Estates.

Candy Henig arrived home from Indiana on Friday to spend the holidays with her parents. Gretchen was expected to arrive home Sunday, from Indiana also. Other guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig for Christmas and about a week are Mrs. Henig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington of Lansing. They expect Don and Jan Sawyer of Newfoundland to spend Christmas day and the following week with them.

Vickie and Brad Scheer arrived home from Central to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheer.

The Arthur Carlsons and sister Amber Meech and Corlynn were in Bellevue Sunday to attend the Carlson family Christmas reunion.

Alfred Hanson had the misfortune to slip and fall on the ice while walking and broke his wrist Monday a week ago.

Bob Smock was expected home from Central Friday for the holidays, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smock.

Alfred J. Feldhauser FA, returned Tuesday to his ship, the USS E. F. Larson, at Long Beach, California, after visiting his parents, the Richard Lippards, and grandparents, the A. J. Sorensons for five days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moshier of Grayling are the proud parents of a seven pound, 14 ounce daughter named Ann Marie born on December 18.

Dorothy Latuszek was expected

home from Kalamazoo this past weekend to spend the holidays with her parents, the John Latuszeks.

46 years ago

December 25, 1947

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Matilda Foley Bishop, who has been chosen by the Troop Information and Education Division of the War Department at Washington, D.C., to teach American soldiers in Japan.

Beginning February 1, the Conservation Department is shifting responsibility for field activities from its office in Lansing to regional offices in Marquette, Roscommon and Jackson.

The Grayling Legion Post 106, with the able assistance of the roly poly, white-bearded gentleman known as Santa Claus, Saint Nick, Saint Nicholas and a variety of other cognomines, played host to the children of Grayling and Crawford County on Monday afternoon at the Legion Hall.

The wedding ceremony of Miss Joyce Irene Wardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wardell, Lansing and William O. Sorenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson of Grayling, was performed by Karl Krauss at 7 p.m. Saturday in Emmanuel First Lutheran Church in Lansing.

The Guy Kelloggs of Saginaw will spend Christmas with her parents, the A. D. Lengs.

Duke, the beautiful Great Dane dog of Lyle Dunckley has been missing for almost a week. Fear is that he has been killed. He is missed greatly by people here who liked him very much.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tufts (Pauline Schoonover) have moved into their newly constructed home on the Manistee River.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrickson and son, Alfred, motored to Houston, Texas, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Billsby are spending Christmas with her parents, at Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Christian and daughter, Jacquelyn, left Friday night for Phoenixville, Pa., to spend the holidays visiting Mrs. Christian's mother.

Captain and Mrs. Clyde Borchers and son, Billy, arrived Thursday morning from Great Falls, Mont., to spend the holidays. They are enroute to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith recently returned from spending ten day visiting friends in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Miss Caroline Nelson is home from U. of M. to spend the holidays with her parents, the A. J. Nelsons.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Stiles and three

daughters of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Derrickson and two daughters of Muskegon, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard and two daughters of Pontiac, expect to spend Christmas with the ladies' parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade are in Toledo, Ohio, to spend the holidays with their daughter and family.

The James Bakers (Joan Bishaw) of Bluffton, Ind., are here to spend Christmas with her parents, the Fred Bishaws.

Mrs. Van Smith opened her home at Lake Margrethe to Home Extension Group III for their second annual Christmas party Monday evening. It was a potluck dinner and the table was lovely in the Christmas colors with a decorated yule log holding lighted tapers for the centerpiece and miniature yule logs and tapers marking each place. After dinner gifts were exchanged and the remainder of the evening was spent playing bridge and pinocle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olson celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Saturday. The Robert Feldhausers were their supper guests that evening for the occasion.

Home Extension Club I met with Mrs. Ed Feldhauser last Thursday afternoon. Plans were made for the community Christmas party. Groups 1 and 2 agreed to share the responsibilities of this holiday event.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Puffer expect to visit his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sebring and sister, Miss Emma, in Evert during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman of Gagetown are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, the Willard Cornells.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ingalls and sister Monala Ingalls of Flint spent from Saturday until Monday at the home of Clarence's and Monala's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cholo.

Tuesday evening of last week Miss Pat Stephan was hostess to a farewell dinner party given in honor of Melvin Marshall, Jr., who left for the Army Thursday. There were fourteen young people seated at the table that was decorated with a centerpiece of evergreen and red tapers.

Miss Greta Rasmusson invited in a number of her girl friends Saturday in celebration of her twelfth birthday, which fell on December 24. Beatrice Quinn, Joan Andrews and Sally Bishaw won prizes in the contest.

Nancy Papenfus spent the weekend with her cousin, Lou Ann McEvers at Lake Margrethe.

Stanley Hummel received a sweepstakes ribbon, having been named the champion of the premier

table stock growers show. He won with a yield of 535 bushels of potatoes per acre with no irrigation.

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Miss Ruth Ryan of Petoskey is a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Joseph and family.

Among those home from schools to spend the holidays with their parents are Eleanor Schumann, Beulah Collen, Ruth McCullough, Fred Edwards, Rosemary Mahoney and Herman Hanson.

Moscow, George Tchitcherine, the Soviet Minister of foreign affairs, December 11, sent a caustic note to Secretary of State Hughes at Washington, complaining that the United States Coast Guard vessel Bear, in 1920 had committed an act which constituted a gross violation of international law and of the sovereignty of the Soviet Republic. The note added that a similar "lawless act" would be sternly repressed by the Soviet Government. The complaint of the Soviet Government was that the Bear had affixed a brass plate to a rock on the Chukotsk Peninsula in Emma Bay, Cape Pusino, in Siberia, near Bering Straits, bearing the inscription "United States Geodetic Magnetic Station." The plate, which was discovered by the Soviet authorities bears the warning "For disturbing this plate \$250 fine or imprisonment."

Ernest and Lester Olson are home from Detroit to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Martha McMasters is spending the holidays in Bay City visiting relatives.

Russell Robertson left Tuesday to visit over Christmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Elmer Fenton, who has been in Alma the past few months returned to Grayling Saturday, expecting to remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams are enjoying a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Martin over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque and children of Flint are expected to arrive Saturday to spend a few days visiting Mrs. Creque's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmusson.

A. B. Failing, who is employed at the T. E. Douglas store in Lovells, left Sunday night for Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays with his daughter, Miss Francilia Failing, who is attending school in that city and making her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Weltz.

FEATURE

Thursday, December 23, 1993



BEAGLE NEEDS HOME—This older female beagle, and several other beagles are available at the animal shelter. Stop by the shelter or call 348-4117 for more information.

PET CARE TIPS

Holiday plants such as poinsettias, Christmas rose, mistletoe and holly are poisonous to pets. Other common indoor plants that can poison dogs and cats are philodendron, lily, dieffenbachia, elephant ear, eucalyptus, spider plant, azalea, ivy, amaryllis and pyracantha.

Puppies and kittens tend to be playful and curious and will be attracted to all the gadgets, strings and wires lying around during the holiday season. Keep them out of reach to avoid a possible electrocution.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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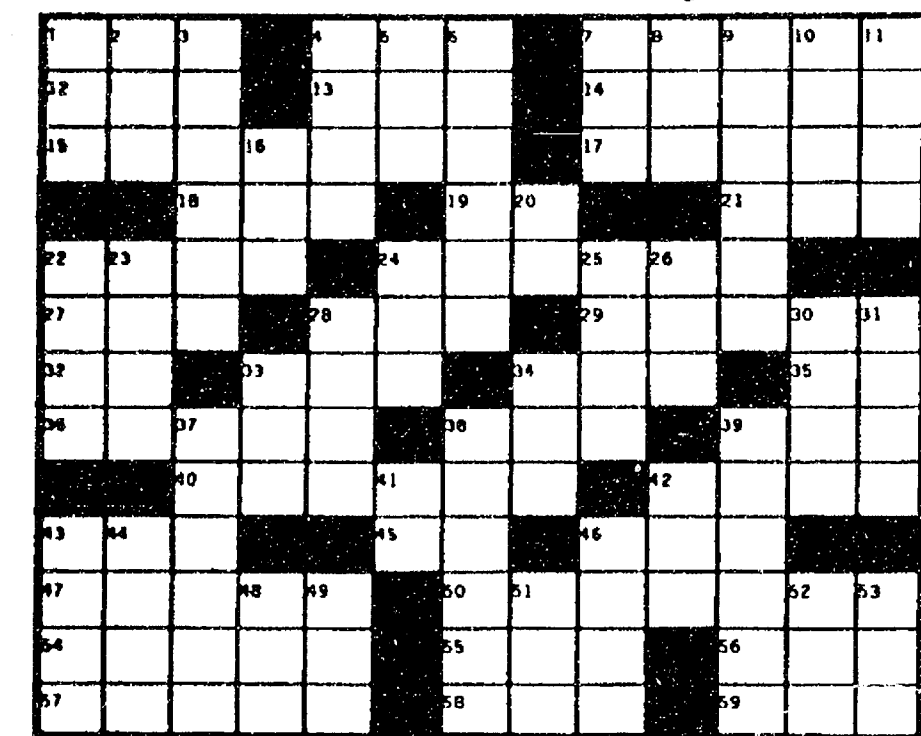
THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

- Spread hay
- Crying sound
- Peru's mountains
- Thoroughfare, Abr.
- Lilac color
- Model
- See eye to eye
- Cereal
- Each His Own
- Conclude
- Tight
- Meets
- Make a mistake
- Broadcast
- Usher's area
- A direction, abr.
- Mobile's state, abr.
- Pasture sound
- Drinker's organization
- Heads or
- Gal of song
- Distress signal
- Scary
- and found
- Feel pain
- Short laugh
- Ghost talk
- Sacred song
- Defeat
- Not younger
- Slippery fish
- Unit of corn
- Actions
- Period
- Coming through the
- Kind of dance
- Gabor
- Sidetrack
- Editor's direction
- Poetic preposition
- Make fun of
- Doctors' organization, abr.
- Old horse
- Forceful restraint
- Not odd
- Plant beginning
- Tit for
- Conjunction
- Camper's need
- Certain place
- Farrow, actress
- Jail

26. Old McDonald vowels

- The Sun Rises
- Vietnam's neighbor
- The Far
- Mountain
- Permissive word
- Cuba is one
- Moved on ice
- Oklahoma Nickname word
- Exclamation
- Skip To My
- Footless animal
- The Emerald
- Metal pin
- Guided
- Feminine abr.
- Early auto
- Island
- he drove out of sight



YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Dec. 26, 1993 - Jan. 1, 1994

- ARIES** March 21-April 19
Find time to spend with those closest to you. Mend fences and forget past transgressions. Look to the future.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20
Long term commitments depend on teamwork. Nothing good is accomplished alone.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20
Future financial decisions should be made with greater care. Don't spend what you don't have.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22
Business circles widen. Your self-esteem gets a needed boost. Move with greater confidence. A financial matter may cause friction between family members. Keep discussions low-key. Avoid dissension.
- LEO** July 23-Aug 22
Kick up your heels and accept social invitation. You are apt to encounter an interesting and unusual individual.
- VIRGO** Aug 23-Sept 22
While you may have once been the life of the party, you now need to have a more conservative approach. Show discretion.
- LIBRA** Sept 23-Oct 22
Develop more rapport with those in high places. Share ideas but keep confidences to yourself.
- SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21
Check curriculum guides carefully. Enroll in a class this semester that will increase your earning potential.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21
Engage in a frank discussion with family members. Time to let your feelings show and get problems out on the table.
- CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19
Start to work on those New Year's Resolutions. Set significant goals and plan to really work on them.
- AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18
The wisdom and vision of someone close is like a breath of fresh air. Breathe deeply while you can.
- PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

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Luzerne: Tonya Marie, December 6, 1993, 7 lbs., 1.8 ozs.

NOTICE

Notice to all truckers, if you have any loads over 53 ton, using our detour going to Lewiston, please use M-72 to Mio, north to 608 west, to 489 and north to Lewiston.

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Robert Nelson
Acting Manager
Crawford County Road Commission
10-23-93

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Department of Social Services Board, the Crawford County Rehabilitation & Community Development Board, and the Crawford County Public Housing Authority.

Applicants must be residents of Crawford County.

Applications must be received in the Clerk's office, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, 49738, by January 7, 1994.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk
December 17, 1993
-23-30

NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, December 29, 1993, at 11 am for the purpose of accepting oral and written comments regarding the adoption of a **General Fund Budget, Special Revenue Fund Budgets and Debt Service Fund Budgets.** A summary of the 1994 proposed Crawford County budgets listed above will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Crawford County Clerk. The public hearing will be conducted in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan in conjunction with the regular meeting.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
County Clerk
-10-23

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1994 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 13, 1994	July 14, 1994
February 10, 1994	August 11, 1994
March 10, 1994	September 8, 1994
April 14, 1994	October 13, 1994
May 12, 1994	November 10, 1994
June 9, 1994	December 8, 1994

The meetings are held at the Grayling State Bank, Grayling, Michigan, in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission board may contact the Housing Commission office at the County Building, 348-2841, ext. 253, to be placed on the agenda.

-10-23-90

NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

1994

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 13	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 10	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 10	7:30 p.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church South Morey Road, Lake City
April 14	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
May 12	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
June 9	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
July 14	7:30 p.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church South Morey Road, Lake City
August 11	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
September 8	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
October 13	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
November 10	7:30 p.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church South Morey Road, Lake City
December 8	7:30 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 29th day of November, 1993

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golinick, Akers, Moshier, Ruddy. Members Absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, Roy Knight Jr., Judy and Terry Dickinson, Ernie Dawson.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers, that the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1993, be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Mr. Dickinson spoke to Council regarding the planter box in front of the Post Office and would like to be a part of the decision that Council makes.

Communications were received and noted. Letter to Mayor Golinick re: Planter Box at the Post Office. Mr. Stevens would like the City Manager to discuss this with the Post Office again before a decision is made. Mr. Golinick would like the City Manager to call the Postmaster to meet with representatives of GUDA to discuss this change. Mr. Morford will set up a meeting with GUDA, the Postmaster and City Manager and report results at the next council meeting.

Federal Information Bulletin.
Emergency Service Council Meeting Minutes.

Agenda for Crawford County Board Meeting and November 1993 Minutes.

From Grayling Housing Commission regarding Special Meeting to be held on November 30, 1993.

Old Business.

Cable TV Ordinance/Resolution.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the Cable TV Franchise Ordinance #76-5-24 adopted on May 24, 1976 be and hereby is repealed in its entirety.

Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy

that

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling's current cable television franchise with C-TEC expires in the near future, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling joined with 53 other communities served by C-TEC to jointly renegotiate their cable television franchise due to their common interests and strength in numbers, and

WHEREAS, after negotiating sessions with C-TEC this summer and fall the 54 communities and C-TEC have agreed on a franchise which contains adequate provisions to protect the communities, their residents and C-TEC, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling believes that renewal of the franchise with C-TEC on the terms negotiated by the group is in the best interests of the community and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign the franchise on behalf of the City of Grayling and to take such other steps as are reasonable and necessary to complete such franchise and put it into effect.

Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried.

City Manager to attend meeting on December 1, 1993, in Grand Rapids for Cable TV.

Mead Street Vacation. The City Manager

recommends leaving as is until he can get more information on easements and legal descriptions of properties involved. Council agreed.

New Business. None.

Reports of City Manager.

Reprint of Co-Gen Plant article showing a win-win situation for CMS Energy and city with a 17% reduction in energy costs to City for final effluent pumping and irrigation.

Crawford County Road Commission Memo Re: Recent change in engineer/manager position.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Stevens spoke about small businesses moving to other states and active recruiting by Indiana.

Mr. Moshier attended an orientation meeting in Gaylord as a new Council Member. Thought the meeting was very informative.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Akers that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; nays, 0; absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

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The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 28, 1993, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 W), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case #93-6: Jon & Elizabeth Lennert, petitioners.
Property Code: 20-041-005-016-050-00
Location: North Down River Rd.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 5

A request to rezone from Industrial to C-1 (General Commercial) to allow for a Mini-Mart.

Case #93-5: Albert Quaal, petitioner.
Property Code: 20-041-008-012-090-00
20-041-008-012-090-01
Location: Rolla Street
T26N, R3W, Sec. 8

A request to rezone from R-2 (Residential) to C-1 (General Commercial) to allow for a Commercial Business.

Case file and zoning ordinance may be viewed at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: 517/348-4361.

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Who Is Jesus Christ?

Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I am?" (Mark 8:27). Today, humanists brand him as an authority perpetuating moral absolutes which they say cause bigotry, prejudice, hatred, and war. Modernists label him a loving pacifist who seeks only unity, equality, and brotherhood for all. Liberation theologians describe him as the ultimate Marxist revolutionary. New Agers describe him as a spiritual guru teaching them how to fan some inner spark of divinity into little gods.

Modern clergy often seem to avoid all controversy. But can we ignore the blessed virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ? Is it essential whether Jesus Christ was conceived in sin or in holiness? (Psa. 51:5; 1 Pet. 2:22). Is it important whether He was the holy son of God, or a bastard? Does it matter if His conception was by miracle of the Holy Ghost or by human sperm from fornication? Should one care if Mary is either blessed for her purity,

or falsely slandered as a sexual sinner? Does it matter if Joseph was man of honor or dishonor? Can one deny or cast doubt upon the virgin birth of Jesus Christ without blaspheming God, and undermining every other truth of Bible Christianity?

To all fundamental Bible-believers, our Lord Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God! He is co-equal with God the father and God the Holy Spirit! His virgin birth was foretold in Isaiah 7:14. Through the virgin birth, Christ the eternal word of God took a human body and became God incarnate. (John 1:1-3, 14). He is God manifest in the flesh. (1 Tim. 3:16). He is the virgin born "Emmanuel" or "God with us." (Mat. 1:23). He is the only person born of the seed of woman, not man. (Gen. 3:15). We believe Mary's testimony that she was a virgin at His birth. (Luke 1:34). We believe His conception and birth were a miracle of the Holy Ghost. (Luke 1:35). We accept these miracles as the very words of our Lord Jesus Christ because all scripture is given by inspiration of God. (2 Tim. 3:16).

Who is Jesus Christ to you? What is Christmas to you? "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Mat. 1:21). "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luk. 19:10). "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." (Gal. 1:4). Jesus warns us, "...if ye believe not that I am [he], ye shall die in your sins." (Joh. 8:24b). Jesus invites us, "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mat. 11:28). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name." (Joh. 1:12). Merry Christmas!

Pastor "B"

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BITS OF TALKS

by Fay Bovee

Mrs. Walter Nowak and daughter, Julie Mullett, spent the weekend in Ann Arbor visiting Mrs. Nowak's son, Patrick and wife, Nancy. They all attended the graduation of Julie's son, Mark Mullett and wife, Lori, from Concordia College on Saturday morning. After the commencement, a reception was held at their home. Patrick took her on a tour of Ann Arbor to see the spectacular homes decorated for Christmas. On Sunday they attended Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Pat's wife, Nancy, is the organist and choir director at the church. Enroute home, they stopped in Saginaw to visit Marti's cousins, Katherine and Russell Christie.

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The township hall and offices will close at noon Thursday, December 23, 1993, and will re-open Monday, December 27, 1993 at 9 a.m.

The transfer site will be closed Saturday, December 25, 1993, and Saturday, January 1, 1994. On Sunday, December 26, 1993 and Sunday, January 2, 1994, it will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Irene Schultes
Township Supervisor

Church Directory

MESSAGE BORN OF A MIRACLE



How fitting that Christmas precedes the New Year in the procession of our winter holiday festivities...as a banner proclaiming the newness of life...a procession of shepherds and Wise Men led by the Star of Bethlehem to where new hope lay in swaddling clothes in a stable.

The celebration of Christmas symbolizes faith for today and hope for tomorrow. It is greatness born of humility. Christmas is the message born of a miracle...the message of truth. In John 18:37 Jesus proclaimed to Pilate, "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."

As we worship and meditate upon the miracle of Christmas, we honor the message of truth...God's gift of a new emergence of love and salvation for humankind, as new today as on that first Christmas...the message of the miracle of the Christ Child.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 65:17-25	Revelation 21:1-8	Revelation 21:9-27	Revelation 22:1-21	2 Peter 1:1-15	John 3:1-18	1:1-18

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
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Wednesday
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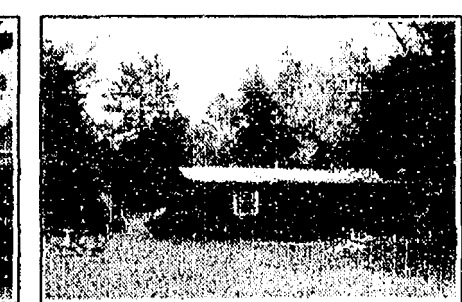
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3. Employment

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is now accepting applications for part-time instructors for two classes of basic writing skills at 6-9 p.m. Monday evenings and 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Friday mornings for the winter semester, beginning January 14, 1994. Bachelor's degree with major in English and teaching experience required; master's degree preferred. Interested applicants should submit letter of application, resume, credentials and official transcripts immediately to: Katherine Grosser, Dean of Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. -23-30-6/3

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve--7 p.m. candlelight service, serving communion, everyone welcome.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Christmas Eve--5 p.m., mass, children's liturgy with children's choir; 8 p.m. mass.
Christmas morning--10 a.m. Christmas mass.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve--7 p.m. service.
Christmas morning--10 a.m. worship service, communion.

St. Martins Evangelical Lutheran Church (Wels)
(Roscommon)
Christmas Eve--6:30 p.m., song service at the Roscommon Community Center.

Grayling Free Methodist Church
Christmas Eve--7 p.m., service of lights.

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Christmas Eve--8 p.m., communion and candlelight service. Nursery is provided.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, December 13:
Jeffery Charles Kook, age 19 of St. Clair Shores, was sentenced on the charge of Malicious Destruction of Property Over \$100.

Kook was sentenced to six months in the county jail, to be held in abeyance, with credit for ten days previously served. He was ordered to pay \$30 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$967.89 restitution, \$250 fines, \$360 court costs, \$735 attorney fees and \$1,080 supervision fees. He was placed on 36 months probation.

David Lee Boyd, age 34 of the MI Department of Corrections, was sentenced from nine to 60 consecutive months in the MI Department of Corrections on the charge of Prisoner Possessing Contraband.

Marion Carney Haynes, Jr., age 29 of the MI Department of Corrections, was arraigned on the charge of Prisoner Possessing Contraband, which carries a maximum penalty of five years and/or \$1,000 and Habitual Offender — Fourth Conviction. Haynes pled guilty to Prisoner Possessing Contraband. In exchange for his plea the Habitual Offender charge will be dismissed. It is expected that he will be sentenced from one to five consecutive years in the MI Department of Corrections.

Jeremy Michael Baker, age 18 of Harrison, was arraigned on the charge of Breaking and Entering With Intent, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years in the Michigan Department of Corrections. Baker pled not guilty and the court instructed the case to be set for trial.

George Tillery of Pontiac, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail on probation violation. Tillery was dismissed from probation.

David Wayne Tolbert, age 19 of Grayling, was arraigned on Count I: Weapons-Felony Firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of two years consecutive with and preceding any term of imprisonment imposed for the felony or attempted felony conviction; Count II: Carrying Concealed Weapons, which carries a maximum penalty of five years or \$2,000. Tolbert pled not guilty, bond was continued.

Editor's Quote Book

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Clement C. Moore

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Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Snow on ground
12/15	42	25		
12/16	43	31		
12/17	35	29		
12/18	32	22	0.07	1 1/2"
12/19	35	28	0.04	1/2"
12/20	33	31	0.02	1/2"
12/21	34	31	0.06	1/2"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for occasional snow likely with some accumulation. The high will be in the mid 20s. Thursday will be very cold with a chance of snow showers. The high will be in the teens, with the low of five to 15. Friday calls for a chance of snow showers, especially in the snow belt areas, with the high of ten to 15, and the low of zero to ten degrees. Saturday will continue to be cold with a chance of snow. The high will be 15 to 20, with the low of zero to ten degrees.

**STROLLING
AROUND TOWN**

by Fay Bovee

Did I tell you that Grayling was lit up like a Christmas tree? That was an understatement — I think they must be able to see the town from Gaylord or Roscommon!

A ride around the other night revealed so many houses with decorations that it's impossible to tell you about all of them. How wonderful that everyone is having such a good time decorating — everyone is enjoying it and if I miss you, it is not intentional. Thank you from everyone!

Rex Thomas on Ingham Street in the old Hemmingson house has plenty of lights and garlands, the former Duley house on Lake and Elm is lighted, Tim Coe on Elm is decorated and the Ward and Holborn houses on Park have lights and decorations.

The 900 block of Park Street has houses with lights. In the next block, the Schreiners have lights. The Richard Moshiers on Maple have a star along with other lights, the Keith Kenny's on Maple and Michigan have a Christmas tree in the front yard and their neighbors across the corner have lights. The Niederers on Lake, the Southwells and Golnicks on Ogemaw, the Brooks on Maple, all have lights.

Going north on Michigan, Ruth Fenton has plenty of lights, the Bob Smocks have the porch outlined, and the hospital has a lot of lights and trees decorated. In the 700 and 800 blocks of Erie there are several houses decorated with lights, the funeral home has white lights on their big pines and at the Kip Papendicks, Santa is toasting his feet by the stove.

On Lake Street, Margaret Austin has lights and a block up the street, the front yard is lighted and decorated. The Joe Whites on Erie have lights and several houses in the next block south are also decorated.

Over on the south side, the Cornell building has windows full of lights, Pete Stephan and family have their whole house outlined and a Christmas tree on the side of the house.

The Polls have an appropriate religious message in lights, another house has a huge pine in the front yard with large lights. They certainly needed a long ladder to get to the top of that! The Jerry LaMottes on Madsen have plenty of 'running' lights and the Warrens have their yard decorated in winter as well as summer. On Huron, Scott, and Rolla streets, there are many

more places with lights.

So to all of you that I have mentioned and to many more of you that are not mentioned, a big "thank you" from the residents of Grayling who have been driving around enjoying all of it.

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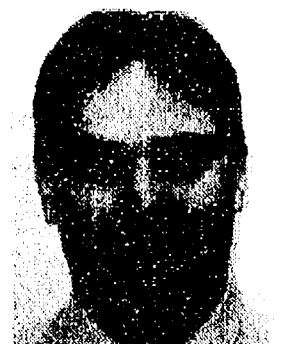
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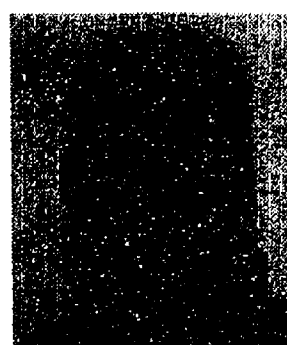
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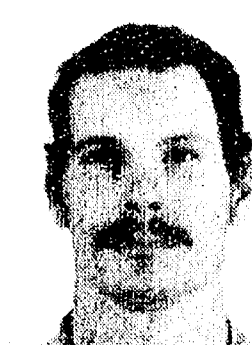
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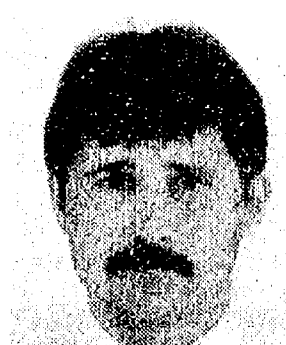
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